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Tory contenders are neck and neck

Right in turmoil as Redwood switches to Clarke

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

THE Tory leadership race moved towards a bitter climax last night after John Redwood plunged the Right into disarray by backing Kenneth Clarke and provoked Baroness Thatcher into endorsing William Hague.

With the outcome likely to come down to a handful of votes, Mr Hague and Mr Clarke, who was boosted by a deal that will mean Mr Redwood becoming Shadow Chancellor if Mr Clarke wins, were engaged in a final brutal battle for the votes of the 38 MPs who supported Mr Redwood in the second round.

After a day of acrimony, arm-twisting and accusations of blind ambition against Mr Redwood, Mr Hague staged a spirited fightback last night, with Lady Thatcher, desperate to stop Mr Clarke, riding once more into battle. The Hague camp claimed that a dozen of the former Redwoodites had switched to them. A similar number appeared to be pledged to Mr Clarke, but some of the undeclared looked set to back him as well.

A survey by The Times suggested that the contenders were running neck and neck, with the votes of an undeclared ten MPs decisive.

The former Prime Minister. who previously had refused to show her hand, stood outside the Commons with Mr Hague and said: "I most earnestly hope he wins." Later she toured the members' tea-room looking for likely converts to the Hague cause.

She said the Clarke-Red-wood deal was an "incredible alliance of opposites that can

"I most earnestly hope he wins," said Lady Thatcher as she endorsed William Hague. Her public declaration was prompted by John Redwood's switch to the Clarke camp

only lead to further grief". Mr Redwood, taking the gamble of his life, faced furious attacks from right-wing supporters of Mr Hague. Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, accused him of breathtaking cynicism". He said that the Redwood-Clarke agreement was an "alliance built on

Sir Peter Tapsell, MP for Louth and Horncastle, described Mr Redwood's decision as "one of the most contemptible and discreditable actions by a senior British politician I can recall during my 38 years in the Commons".

All over Westminster rightwingers were engaged in furious arguments with each other over Mr Redwood's decision. He and Mr Clarke agreed to a deal on Tuesday night only hours after the second ballot in which Mr Clarke surprisingly beat Mr Hague by two votes. Its key component was Mr Clarke's acceptance of Mr Redwood's demand that Tory MPs and

6 Clarke and Redwood have formed an

incredible alliance of opposites which can only lead to further grief? Baroness Thatcher

members of the Shadow Cabi-

Clarke in their own poll.

won the contest.

important issues of domestic policy 9 Kenneth Clarke 2000 think-tank to announce

6 John and I hold

ourselves in

mutual regard. We

have always

agreed on all the

net would be allowed a free his conversion and appeared later with Mr Clarke at a joint vote on the single currency if necessary. Later in the evepress conference at Church ning, Mr Redwood took the House, Westminster. opinions of his closest support-Mr Clarke insisted that the ers and consulted his constitupact was an agreement built to endure through the next five ency officers, who backed Mr years of Opposition and into a

It was sealed early yester-day when Mr Clarke told Mr Conservative government.

Mr Redwood explained his decision by saying that he wanted to end the civil war in Redwood that he wanted him to be Shadow Chancellor if he the Tory party by coming to Mr Redwood emerged from "an honourable peace". He the offices of the Conservative moved to reassure his sup-

6 Ken Clarke is a big hitter. I am a big hitter too. I am able to land some big hits on the Labour Government 9 William Hague

porters over the key issue of isation of the party with little Europe, saying: "My princi- groups in little cells in little pled objections to the single currency will remain my position and I will now put this around the Cabinet table. There will be a free vote and the right for free speech on the issue should the matter arise

at some point in the future." Mr Redwood said: "In the leadership election campaign I made it clear we needed to bring an end to the civil war in the Conservative Party. I said we needed to stop the Balkan-

6 Ken and I are united in opposing the particular single currency which is on offer it is our duty to work together 9 John Redwood

corners and little rooms argu-

ing through the media with each other." Mr Clarke said they were both determined that the rifts that had divided them in the past should never reappear. This is not an agreement that has been entered into for the next 24 hours. This agreement is for five years at least, John and I are going to work closely together at the heart of Oppo-

sition and at the heart of

Conservative government." Last night the contest seemed so close that some MPs were talking of the prospect of a dead heat. It will almost certainly be determined by today's last-minute efforts by the camps to bring the unde-

cided on board.

Mr Hague in the meantime flatly dismissed calls by the Clarke-Redwood duo that he should now quit the race. At a news conference at the Atrium wine bar in Westminster, more than 40 of his supporters put on a show of force. Mr Hague dismissed the Clarke-Redwood pact as "a deal not a solution" and said that the party needed a clear position around which to unite, "not agreement to differ". He pointed out that, in contrast to Mr Clarke, he had not offered a job to any MP in an attempt to get his or her support.

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Tory Ark sails in to keep young heir afloat

By MATTHEW PARRIS

"NOW have you got that? Hague. Would you like to hear the name again? William

Hague."
She stood at the St Stephen's entrance to the Commons, the only non-royal woman in Britain whom it is unnecessary to name: it is sufficient to men-tion the blue suit, the coiffure and the handbag.

"Move to your left, Lady Thatcher!" Alarm melted as she recognised this as a camera-call, not a political instruction. Beside her stood a colleague with blonder hair

but less of it, and no handbag. "Move a little closer to him. Lady Thatcher!" For a woman who had moved within days from spurning William Hague's leadership campaign to joining it, she had moved far and fast enough already. Wisps of Mr Hague's remaining hair were lifted by a mischievous breeze: a fleeting impression of moulting

They stood there together for five minutes - mostly in silence — as cameras snapped and crowds pressed the barriers. MPs supporting Hague stood near by, unnoticed. All eyes were on her. She persists as a living symbol: a portable totem, no longer required to speak, her presence alone conferring ideological benediction.

Tories used to say Margaret Thatcher kept the Ark of the Covenant. These days, she is the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark sailed off to the Commons Tea Room.

But Mr Hague wanted us to know she was his. At a rally beforehand at the Atrium Continued on page 2, col 1

Pol Pot 'has given himself up'

Pot Pot, under whose regime a million Cambodians died from execution, sickness and starvation, was reported by Khmer Rouge radio to have surrendered to his former comrades.

However, there was no independent confirmation nor was it even certain that he

Nationwide shuts out carpetbaggers

Nationwide Building Society-has blocked speculators hoping it will convert into a bank by refusing to open savings counts for new customers.

Five times more accounts than usual have been opened in recent days by carpetbag-gers gambling on a conver-sion giving them a bonus of at least £1,000 Page 27

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Wimbledon bars cars to beat terrorist bombing scare

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of rennis fans will have to park their cars nearly a mile's walk away from the All England club because of fears that the Wimbledon championships will be the target of an IRA bomb scare, similar to the one that disrupted the Grand

Police made final preparations yesterday for the event, including the closure of some of the usual car parks and increased searching by guards of the 400,000 spectators ex-pected during the two-week tournament, which begins on

Monday. Worries that Britain's biggest annual international sports event would be subjected to IRA terrorism have caused a no-go area to be set up on the other side of Church Road from the club and 200 yards from the 11,000-capacity new No I court, which will be

officially opened on Monday. Instead, many visitors will have to use an alternative public car park, beyond the lake on the other side of Wimbledon Park.

This has a similar capacity to the usual area on the golf course. Car parking for people with special passes will not be

An All England club spokeswoman last night described the decision as an added precaution. "In the light of what happened at Aintree in April, all vehicles may be checked as well as the bags

and luggage of spectators."

Closed-circuit television cameras will be used to sweep the stands and concourses and search teams will continually inspect the premises of the

With the tournament being televised in more than 165 countries, the championships have a hig profile worldwide and would be a natural target for any terrorist action such as marred the Grand National, which had to be postponed

from a Saturday to Monday

after the bornb hoax. The precautions mark the biggest security operation at the tournament since 1993. when new measures were introduced after the stabbing of Monica Seles the previous April by a crazed German supporter of Steffi Graf at a

tournament in Hamburg. Seles, who took more than two years to recover from the attack, is the No 2 seed at next week's championships while Graf, who was abused on the Centre Court during the 1993 Wimbledon tournament by another German, has pulled out of this year's event because of injury.

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Labour suspends MP for inquiry

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR MP was suspended last night from the party as a result of serious allegations" that he had failed to disclose a financial matter in the Register of Members' Interests.

Nick Brown, the Chief Whip, suspended Bob Wareing, MP for Liverpool West Derby, and referred the case to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner.

The action was taken to underline Tony Blair's det-ermination that no member of his party should be associated with sleaze or financial impropriety, and came within hours of the Parliamentary Labour Party voting to give the Chief Whip a new power to suspend members. Labour party chiefs yesterday made clear that Mr Brown had been given enough prima facie evidence to justify the suspension of the whip,

pending Sir Gordon's decis-

Party sources said that Mr Brown had seen Mr Wareing twice this week to question him about the allegations. which had been sent to him in writing. Mr Wareing, regarded as Old rather than New Labour, has known connections with Bosnia and Indonesia. Party sources confirmed that the alleged irregularities related to overseas issues.

Mr Wareing said in a statement last night. I wel-come the Chief Whip's decision to refer this the allegations] to Sir Gordon and I also recognise why the Chief Whip has found it necessary to exercise his newly-acquired powers of suspension until Sir Gordon has concluded his inquiry." The statement concluded: "I have confidence in Sir Gordon and will stand by his judgment."

age because they have not become

dependent on each other emotionally."

Hospital boasts a specialism in con-joined twins. Professor Spitz and Edward Kiely, another member of the

operating team, have seen ten sets of Siamese twins since 1984. Separations

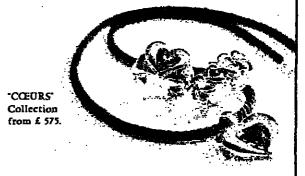
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Siamese twins separated in six-hour operation babies' point of view it is a great advantage to be separated at a young

By Russell Jenkins

SURGEONS at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital separated the Siamese twins, born in Manchester two months ago, in a 62-hour operation. The two girls, joined at the chest and abdomen and sharing one liver, are said to be making good progress.

Professor Lewis Spitz, who led the

surgical team yesterday, said the

operation went very well but it was too

early to say whether the babies would survive such complicated surgery. The babies, born in St Mary's Hos-

pital, south Manchester, on April 7. were able to breathe normally. Their birth came after the tragic case two years ago of Chloe and Nicole Astbury. who were joined at the breastbone and also shared a liver. They were delivered by the same medical team but died five weeks later after an infection. This time the team is more confident of a successful outcome after the operation. The twins parents, from Cheshire, who have requested privacy, learnt they were expecting Siamese twins after a scan at 20 weeks.

After the operation, Professor Spitz said that although the twins shared only one liver there was a "considerable area of fusion". But he added: 'Today's operation went well."

Elizabeth Bryan, of the Multiple Births Foundation, said: "From the

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6 The Chancellor is out on a limb [about a single currency]. It is not helpful to have the Chancellor within the Cabinet closing off options when the party expects there to be a proper debate nearer the

general election 9 Redwood, December 17, 1995 6 I think it is a great pity that the Chancellor has damaged the unity of the Government. Kenneth Clarke is trying to bounce the Cabinet 9

Redwood, September 23, 1996, after Clarke said it would be "pathetic" to sign up late for a single currency

6 I'll read it if I get the time. It doesn't look as if it is going to say anything new 🤊

Kenneth Clarke, March 24, 1997, referring to John Redwood's book. Our Currency. Our Country: The Dangers of European Monetary Union

6 Ken Clarke is past his sell-by date. The bluff, blokish manner, the fags and the beer may go down well in the public bar, but women are not attracted by shirts

popping open over a beer gut 3

Teresa Gorman, May 18. 1997, former Redwood supporter now backing Clarke

6 It would not be a high price to pay to lose Kenneth Clarke if it meant the party could rally round a policy opposed to monetary union. Ken Clarke is in a minority in the Cabinet, the

Sir Richard Body, December 6. 1996, now a Clarke supporter

Tory party and in the country 🤊

6 I don't think the Conservative Party could win an election in one thousand years on [John Redwood's] ultra rightwing platform ?

Clarke, June 27, 1995, referring to Redwood's decision to challenge John Major for the Tory leadership

Deal that wooed Redwood into an unlikely marriage

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

ENEMIES called it the "marriage made in Hell" and the "instability pact": friends dubbed it an "act of political genius" and the "dream

The alliance between Kenneth Clarke and John Redwood that shook Westminster was sealed within hours of the second-round ballot on

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Mr Redwood had watched on television at the headquarters of the Conservative 2000 think-tank as the result, which meant his elimination, came through. The telephone rang. It was Mr Clarke. They agreed

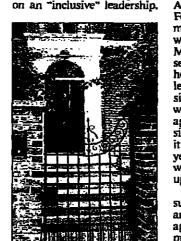
Mr Clarke offered a neutral house in Vincent Square, the imposing four-storey building owned by the former minister. Sir Tim Sainsbury.

The wheels were turning fast. Mr Clarke had beaten Mr Hague to the punch. But Mr Redwood was in any case leaning towards a deal with terms. It had been noted throughout the contest that both men had conducted a polite struggle - reserving their most venomous barbs for William Hague.

Mr Clarke had laid the ground for the agreement that turned the contest upsidedown and convulsed the Right when he appeared on the BBC Today programme on the morning after the first ballot last week. He had won the opening round but his 49-vote tally was tantalisingly short of the figure that was needed to give him winning momentum.

dispirited. Confident that he would get through the second round, they found it hard to see how he could go all the way without a substantial proportion of the votes of Mr Redwood, who was rightly

expected to come a good third. From that morning interview onwards, Mr Clarke laid heavier-than-ever emphasis



Vincent Square: where Clarke deal was done

all the main rightwingers, including Mr Redwood, into his Shadow Cabinet.

Mr Redwood and Mr Clarke had spent nearly all the election preaching the message that they were the unity candidates. Then Mr Hague appeared to play into their hands by emphasising that he

abide by his line on the single

Mr Hague, the former Welsh Secretary, was felt. even by his own supporters, to have performed poorly at the "hustings" of leadership contenders on Monday night.

The Clarkeites and Redwoodites were determined to make life difficult for him. And it was Sir Norman Fowler, the former Tory chairman, who floored Mr Hague with a question about whether Mr Clarke would be able to serve in his Shadow Cabinet if he maintained his desire to leave the options open on a single currency. Mr Hague, who has not pronounced against the principle of a single currency, but said that it should be ruled out for ten years, suggested that he would would want everyone to sign up to his line.

From that moment on, the supporters of both Mr Clarke and Mr Redwood, who is against the single currency in inciple, were claiming that Mr Hague had made it impossible for either of them to serve under him.

On Monday night key fig-ures in the Clarke and Redwood camps began informal conversations about the possibility of an accommodation. Mr Clarke's team was pleasantly surprised by the degree of interest. Squaring the circle on Europe was their key concern, and Mr Clarke's offer early in the campaign of a free vote on single currency matters was revived.

Mr Clarke's secret meeting with Mr Redwood had been



Mr Clarke and Mr Redwood after the declaration of their pact. Both men had aimed their fiercest fire during the campaign at William Hague

days. The "safe house" was organised by Shaun Woodward. Conservative MP for Witney and former Tory press chief. He is on the Clarke team. Sir Tim is his father-in

As Mr Redwood rang round his constituency officers, another call came through. It was Alan Duncan, one of Mr Hague's campaign leaders.

Čan we speak? asked Mr Duncan. Mr Hague was on the line within minutes and said: "I am not assuming that you are going to vote for me.

The Hague camp had not gone to the lengths of finding a neutral venue. So the Redwood team obliged. According Clarke was altogher keener and better prepared.

Barry Legg, the rightwing former MP for Milton Keynes who lost his seat at the election, had offered the use of his home at Chapel Street. close to the House of Commons, for any horsetrading. At 6.20pm Mr Redwood.

accompanied by Hywel Wil-liams, his chief aide, met Mr Clarke and Michael Within 30 minutes it was

clear the earlier discreet talks had laid the groundwork for an agreement. Mr Redwood had to be satisfied that he would never be prevented from voicing his opposition in principle to the single currenalong with a pledge that all Conservative MPs, including members of the Shadow Cabinet, would have a free vote on the issue.

The possibility of Mr Redwood becoming Shadow Chancellor — already mooted by the camps of both men -

Mr Williams went back to the Foundation 2000 headquarters to complete work on the statement which would be released only if Mr Redwood's team agreed. It underlined the suspicion in the Hague team that the deal had been done effectively with Mr Clarke before Mr Redwood sat down

to talk with their man. For his meeting, Mr Hague can. Mr Redwood and Mr Hague sat alone. The omens were not good. Mr Redwood began by asking: "What is your latest position on a single currency?" The meeting lasted for 25 minutes and broke up with no promises or offers.

Mr Redwood went back to the Foundation where about 16 of his most loyal supporters were waiting. Only one person raised any objections to a deal with Mr Clarke, but it was decided their man should go for the post of Shadow Chancellor

At 10pm Mr Clarke telephoned again. The deal was virtually closed and at 8am esterday the agreement was finalised. Mr Clarke had teleconfirmed that he could be Shadow Chancellor.

At middayMr Redwood and Mr Clarke appeared in Church House together for their unlikely political Within minutes Mr Red-

wood knew what a gamble he had taken in risking a serious split on the Right. He was told that Baroness Thatcher had come out for Mr Hague. He joked that she had not backed him when he was on his own: so he hardly had a right to expect her support now that he had joined Mr Clarke.

The laughs from the Red wood and Clarke supporters were loud. Today they will know whether it was a mar-

The Tories' Ark sails in to keep chosen heir afloat

restaurant, a journalist asked him why she had been won so late to his charms. Hague looked indignant. "Lady Thatcher has known me for twenty years." he complained. Her statement today is a warm endorsement of me". Norman Lamont peeped, badger-like, from the foliage of a false fig tree.

Another termenter quoted Teresa Gorman: "Nice boy but not a big hitter.

"I am a big hitter." protested young William. his voice, mercifully, not breaking on the "am". "Ken is a big hitter. I'm a big hitter, too."

"I have the broadest base!" he declared. We called to mind Kenneth Clarke's base and

These occasions are undignified, but Hague handled his with poise and humour. He mocked the unusual marriage

Redwood, without personal He had arrived to a shaky

start, hovering at the door with Michael Howard, then thinking better of it and making his entrance later. Just like old times. The Atrium was packed. At

the door lounged a muscular hunk in shorts — neither a bouncer nor a skeleton in any of the campaign teams' closets, but a fascinated member of the nearby gym.

Around the door waited a cluster of young Haguesters. This is a new politico-social grouping, a sub-Blairite phenomenon of which we may be seeing more

They are under 25, exceptionally fresh and clean, with bright eyes and soft, manageable hair. They might seek employment as models for deodorant or hair-conditionthe young Thatcherites did) look mad: but vulnerable. They blush easily.

Mr Hague's lectern read 'the Natural Coalition" while his backdrop was adorned with posters saving "Fresh Start". An impression grew that we were attending the launch of a facial scrub. Archie Norman MP, the young whiz-kid who rescued Asda. strode on in shirtsleeves and declared "Hague! The man who can and will." The

Haguesters whooped. Can and will what? Echoing through the Atrium came the Haguesters' musical choice: the haunting theme tune from 1492 — Conquest of Paradise. The music was stirring.

But Christopher Columbus never got to where he meant to go. He got somewhere, but it didn't turn out to be what he thought, at all.

Hague's blunders and improbable alliance leave party bruised, divided and incredible

THE Tory party has now conceded that it is no longer a potential alternative government - and is unlikely to be for some time. Kenneth Clarke's bizarre alliance with John Redwood and William Hague's tactical blunders have left the party bruised, divided and incredible, whatever happens today.

If Mr Hague does win it is hard to see how either Mr Clarke or Mr Redwood could serve in his Shadow Cabinet in the short-term, leaving a much weakened front bench and a split party.

In some ways, the Clarke-Redwood axis may be the least worst option in that at least the best qualified Tory would become leader. But the price is the most improbable alliance at Westminster since the short-lived, and



Charles James Fox and Lord North: doomed pact

widely ridiculed, Fox-North coalition of 1783. That marriage of opposites was defended by Fox on the plea that quarrels should be short. friendships abiding. But he had deep differences of principles with North, whose character he had attacked and whom he had threatened



Clarke has not quite done that, but no one had any trouble yesterday finding a list of critical comments

about Mr Redwood by the former Chancellor.

Mr Clarke's agreement with Mr Redwood means that if British entry did become an active possibility and the Shadow Cabinet

be a free vote. That is at least a more realistic way of coping with the deep divisions within the Tory party than Mr Hague's attempt to enforce collective responsibility. But the deal is deeply flawed and is just the type of

could not agree, there would

fudge which Mr Clarke fought against before the election. An agreement to differ over a single currency would be torn apart during an election campaign. Even in the short term, I doubt whether an alliance built primarily on opposition to Mr Hague is sustainable.

The Clarke-Redwood statement referred to four complete agreement on other European questions". Really? The Tory manoeuvrings overshadowed Tony Blair's statement on the Amsterdam safeguarding British interests on border controls, foreign and defence policy, and in preventing the extension of the EU's "legal personality". In some areas, we will need to see the small print of the agreements. But John Major, in his farewell performance as Leader of the Opposition, mainly argued that the successes claimed by Mr Blair were inherited from the Tories or on issues never seriously at risk. That would probably also be Mr.Clarke's line, argued with brio, but

before the Amsterdam

summit Mr Redwood was

claiming that the future of

Britain was at stake. The

instincts of Mr Clarke and

Mr Redwood are very

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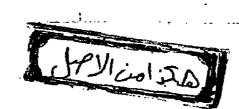
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Leading restorer daubed genuine artefacts with garish paint to make them look like tourist trinkets

Smuggler of Egyptian antiquities sent to jail

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AN ANTIQUITIES restorer who smuggled Egyptian antiquities by camouflaging them as cheap tourist trinkets was jailed yesterday for six years. The verdict at Knightsbridge Crown Court in London ended a series of legal actions in two countries.

Jonathan Tokeley-Parry. 46. was found guilty on two counts of handling artefacts looted from Saggara, the necropolis of the Pharaohs' ancient city of Memphis

In February a Cairo court sentenced the Cambridge philosophy graduate in his absence to 15 years' hard labour for being part of a 12man smuggling ring that in-cluded corrupt Egyptian antiquities inspectors.

Days later he took hemlock in a hospital psychiatric unit near his home in Winkleigh. Devon, forcing the abandonment of his first British trial. After a five-week retrial a

jury convicted him of handling two figure reliefs worth £90,000 from a false door in the tomb of the long-dead hairdresser Hetepka, described during the case as the "Vidal Sassoon to the Pharoahs", and a bronze statue of the falcongod Horus, from 600BC. He was also convicted of making false statements to obtain a passport. The Horus was never recovered. Tokeley-Parry





ations he carried out to a head of Amenhotep III. The jury was shown photographs of its original, badly damaged state (above left). It then saw how the damage was partially restored and the exterior painted to resemble a tacky bazaar souvenir (above right). Once back in Britain, to create a false provenance, Tokeley-Parry sprayed the head gold and and claimed it was a piece restored in the 1920s. The court was told that he had arranged to sell it to a New York dealer for £850,000.

of handling pieces of a false door from the complex of King Pepi, from 2184BC

Judge Pontius told him he had tried "to pull the wool over the eyes of this jury with a farrago of complete and utter nonsense masquerading as a defence". He was a man of undoubted intelligence and skill as a restorer but he had prostituted that talent for wholly selfish reasons".

The conviction marks the end of Operation Bullrush, the largest investigation into antiquities smuggling by Scotland Yard's Art and Antiques

Mark Perry, 34, and Andrew May, a farmer from Barnstaple, Devon, were also sentenced to hard labour in Cairo in their absence but were never charged in Britain. Neither they nor Tokeley-Parry can be extradited but all face immediate arrest if they re-

turn to Egypt.
Tokeley-Parry was the only defendant to stand trial in Britain after police raids at dealerships in Devon, Shrop-shire and Gloucestershire in 1995. Other charges, over the looting of Egyptian and Chi-

The case was monitored by President Mubarak of Egypt, reflecting Cairo's desire to end the illegal trade. Paul Dodgson, for the pros-

ecution, had told the court that the the artefacts were supplied beween September 1992 and December 1993 by Ali Ibrahim Farag, the owner of a Cairo import and export company who was one of nine local people sentenced to hard lab-our by the Egyptian court.

Tokeley-Parry and other craftsmen created near-identical copies in back-street Cairo workshops by using silicon moulds accurate enough to record a fingerprint. The fakes were sneaked back into warehouses so that the originals were not missed. Meanwhile the genuine artefacts were covered in plastic liquid and daubed with garish paint. Some were stamped "Egypt" to avoid suspicion from customs officials

In Britain Tokeley-Parry stripped the paint and sold the objects for a huge profit. One item, a head of Amenhoten III intended for the New York dealer Fred Schultz, was valued at £850,000.

The trade was exposed in May 1994 when papyruses were sent to Dr Jeffrey Spencer, assistant keeper in the Egyptian antiquities department at the British Museum, to confirm their authenticity. One expert realised they were stolen and alerted police.



Jonathan Tokeley-Parry at work on an Egyptian antiquity at his home in Devon

Change in law urged to combat £100m trade

THE Egyptian Government and archaeologists called yes-terday for changes in the law to curb the £100 million inter-national trade in looted antiquities

Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, Disney Professor of Archaeology and Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, said that the illegal trade often existed alongside traffic in drugs and weapons. It was endemic in countries such as Egypt, Greece and Italy, which have total bans on the export of heritage items.

Dr Ali Hassan, President of the Supreme Council of Antiquities in Cairo, urged Britain last night to ratify the Unesco convention which would speed the return of artefacts to their countries of origin.

Lord Renfrew said that, although British museums had long held controversial objects, archaeologists now recognised the conservation issues involved. "Very few of those museums would now purchase material without provenance in the way that they would have done even 30 years ago. New laws and conventions are required."

Detective Sergeant Richard Ellis, who led the investigation of Jonathan Tokeley-Parry, said: "This case throws up the inadequacy of our laws. It is a loophole that you can bring things into this country knowing them to be stolen, and dispose of them perfectly legally."

Student of morality saw crime as a great game

FITTINGLY for a master faker, nothing is what it seems with Jonathan Tokeley-Parry. His friends describe the dapper, permanently tanned philosophy graduate as a brilliant but unstable fantasist who constantly reinvented his background and believed himself to be above

police raided his home in Devon in 1995 they found a half-finished novel about the Egyptian antiquities market, mirroring many of his own exploits in Cairo. Separating fiction and fact proved difficult outside, as

well as inside, the courtroom. Friends drawn into costly plans to build an amphibious, microlight aircraft - intended, he hinted, for sale to the SAS - later learnt that he was not a former cavalry officer. as he often claimed, but an ex-

Territorial Army member of the Devon and Dorsetshire Regiment.

Detectives believe he made hundreds of thousands of pounds from looting, but saw the operation as a "great game" in which he posed as a friend of Egypt, by designing air-conditioning systems to protect antiquities, while encouraging their plunder.

Born Jonathan Aidan Felix Foreman, he changed his name while reading Moral Sciences at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in the 1970s, taking his mother's maiden name, Tokeley, and adding Parry for effect. He began restoration work to fund postgraduate studies and became known in the close-knit antiquities trade as a gifted conservationist with expertise in sand-glazed Egyptian pottery. The prosecution claimed he soon realised he could make more money smuggling artefacts than conserving those already in the hands of collectors, and began his illegal activities

Mark Perry, his courier,

told the court how Tokeley-Party recruited him during a hair-raising drive through the Devon countryside in a sports car and later referred to him as "my butier". Tokeley-Parry carried a leather-bound volume of War and Peace in court and was often accompanied by two half-comic, half-"defence advisers". One was later barred after an alleged altercation with a witness and the pair threatened a series of increasingly bizarre stunts to protest his innocence, including a heli-copter drop of 100,000 leaflets over London.

Murdered girl, 16, 'copied vice trade from TV series'

lot and thought it would be a

She said that Lucy had

begun keeping bad company

and taking cannabis and sniff-

ing lighter fuel. Lucy had also

written a "life plan" in which

she said that she wanted "to

smoke loads of drugs, more and more drugs as time went

by" and thought that she would become a crack-cocaine

late and the last couple of

weeks had been worse. I

thought she lied to us about

Pamela Marsh, Lucy's year tutor at the Great Wyrley

High School, said she was a

happy, smiling and popular girl. Of all the pupils in her class, she had never expected Lucy to become involved in prostitution, she said. She

achieved high grades in her examinations, but died before

the results were released. The

trial continues.

where she had been."

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT Gold. She used to watch that a

good idea."

addict.

A BRIGHT and happy schoolgirl turned to prostitution after seeing the vice-girl drama Band of Gold on television, a court was told yesterday. Within months, Lucy Burchell, lo. was dead after two drug dealers allegedly fed her a massive dose of heroin and watched her die.

Birmingham Crown Court was told that she began work-ing the streets of Walsall in the evenings while sitting GCSE examinations during the day. Each night she took a change of clothes to a children's home where a 15-year-old friend was living, and the two then went to a red-light area. She had a pimp, worked from a pitch outside a public house, and in between clients she would telephone a schoolfriend.

Last August, she was allegedly picked up and taken to the home of Tahir Khan, 27, in Saltley. He and Rungzabe Khan, 25. from Hodge Hill. Birmingham, deny murder

and drug charges.

John Mitting, QC, for the prosecution, said Lucy was not an addict, but the two men would have known the effects of a fatal dose. The purity of the heroin was 80 per cent, while the usual strength used by addicts was 60 per cent.

The men allegedly sat and watched as she died lying on a bed. Mr Mitting said they may have wanted to get her hooked or to test the effects of administering that purity of heroin on her". They dumped her body on wasteland next

day, he said. A 16-year-old schoolfriend of the dead girl told the court that, when Lucy first told her she was involved in vice, she

thought it was a joke. The girl said: She told me she had thought about trying to do it after watching Band of

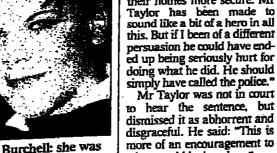
man who filmed him.

give a suspended six-month sentence at Sittingbourne, Kent, and ordered to pay £50 compensation to his victims and £100 to Christopher Tay-lor, the retired banker who caught him on video.

Lucy's mother, Christine, a Johnstone, from east nursery nurse, told the court in a statement that she had London, was indignant that the incriminating video might now be sold to a film company noticed changes in her only daughter in the months before she died. "Lucy had got into the habit of staying out very

calmly walked up to his farm-house in Faversham last October and stole a £410 chainsaw, hedge strimmer and garden furniture. When the thief headed back to his house to load up with more property, Mr Taylor grabbed his video

Mr Taylor was not in court



Burglar complains of stolen moment

By DANIEL McGrory

A BURGLAR who was filmed stealing by one of his victims walked free yesterday, threatening legal action against the

Stephen Johnstone, 38, was

and is threatening legal action "to see if he can sell my image without my permission". Mr Taylor, who has been burgled eight times in the past 15 years, had watched in astonishment as Johnstone

The court was told that Johnstone carried out four other burglaries in the same area last August. When he saw the amateur video footage of himself on relevision, he gave himself up. Johnstone said: "People should make their homes more secure. Mr Taylor has been made to sound like a bit of a hero in all this. But if I been of a different persuasion he could have ended up being seriously hurt for doing what he did. He should simply have called the police."

dismissed it as abhorrent and disgraceful. He said: "This is more of an encouragement to Lucy Burchell: she was other would-be burglars."



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Ecstasy research shatters illusion of 'risk-free' drug

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

the warnings about dying A DOSE of Ecstasy at the weekend results in a hangover so severe that it lasts until the middle of the week, researchers have found. Users are irritable, restless and so depressed they could qualify for clinical treatment.

The effects of the drug are

far worse than those of alcohol, according to the study by Valerie Curran of University College London. Her results are backed up by research by the University of Wales in Swansea and the University of East London, which has shown that Ecstasy impairs memory. in one test, Ecstasy users remembered nearly a third fewer words than non-users.

The studies counter the notion among users that Eestasy is a risk-free drug without damaging side-effects. "When Ecstasy first became a popular drug, there were a few deaths. Dr Curran says. Much was made of this by the press and by anti-drug campaigners. But in fact deaths are very rare, so Ecstasy users soon stopped listening to the warnings. They drew the conclusion that since were exaggerated. Ecstasy must be harmless. The number of regular users of Ecstasy is not known but

estimates of up to 500,000 have been made. Some people say double that." Dr Curran, a reader in psycho-

pharmacology, says.

With the help of a disc-jockey, she recruited 12 Eestasy users at a London club on a Saturday night and 12 people who said they had taken only alcohol. They all completed mood and memory tests at the club, and were tested again at home the next day and the following Wednesday.

One test involved counting backwards in sevens from a three-figure number, a stan-dard method of studying working memory and the ability to concentrate. In the club and the following day. Eestasy users did almost twice as badly as the drinkers. By Wednesday the scores were closer but the alcohol group still did better.

Bigger differences emerged when mood was tested. The day after clubbing, Dr Curran

says, the two groups achieved similar results. "The alcohol group, who had had the equivalent of five to six pints of beer. were simply hungover," she says. "The Ecstasy group hadn't slept, so they were tired. The results were about the same."

By the Wednesday, however, the drinkers had recovered but the Ecstasy users had not. Their scores for irritability and restlessness were 50 per cent higher and their anxiety rating was double that of the drinkers.

"What concerns me is that Ecstasy users could have effects long term." Dr Curran says. "So far we have no results on that but from the way the drug acts on the brain and from animal experiments. it looks as if heavy users could well suffer long-term psychological effects."
Two other studies have

shown that Ecstasy can affect the memory. In one, led by Andrew Parrott of the University of East London, users were asked to look at a computer screen as 15 words appeared on it one after the

other. Afterwards they were asked to write the words they users recalled 30 per cent fewer words that non-users.

This is obviously worrying, given the widespread use of

there was no difference in intelligence between the users and the non-users. But on tests of memory. Ecstasy users performed markedly less well. The difficulty with such studies is being certain that

and not some other drug. Many users may also take cannabis or amphetamines. Dr Curran says that the effects she has discovered are

remembered. Several days after taking Ecstasy, regular

the drug among the young," Dr Parrott told New Scientist. Michael Morgan and col-leagues at the University of Wales in Swansea compared two groups matched for age and for the consumption of most drugs but only one of which took Ecstasy. In most tests the two groups were comparable, showing that

the effects are due to Ecstasy drug is illegal and can cause mild but they could cause problems for students taking





Calling for more liberal attitudes: from left, Miriam Stoppard, Claire Rayner and Virginia Ironside

Agony aunts clash over cannabis

By Peter Foster

AGONY aunts clashed yesterday over a call by Miriam Stoppard, the parenthood guru to relax attitudes towards marijuana. In her new book Questions Children Ask, to be published tomorrow, she advises parents to tell children that marijuana 'doesn't do you much harm unless you smoke it regularly" but does warn that the

memory loss.

Melissa Roske, problempage writer of Just 17 magazine for teenagers, said: "As an American who has always had the anti-drugs message

give advice like this. The jury is still very much out on the effects of cannabis abuse." However Claire Rayner,

broadcaster and author of more than 100 books, said she totally agreed with Ms Stoppard and found it ludicrous that tobacco, which kills many thousands each year, was legal while marijuana was not "Unlike tobacco, marijuana has several valuable medical uses controlling muscle spasms in sufferers of multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. It should be legalised immediately for

medical and religious uses." Zelda West-Meads, a counsellor of 20 years experience,

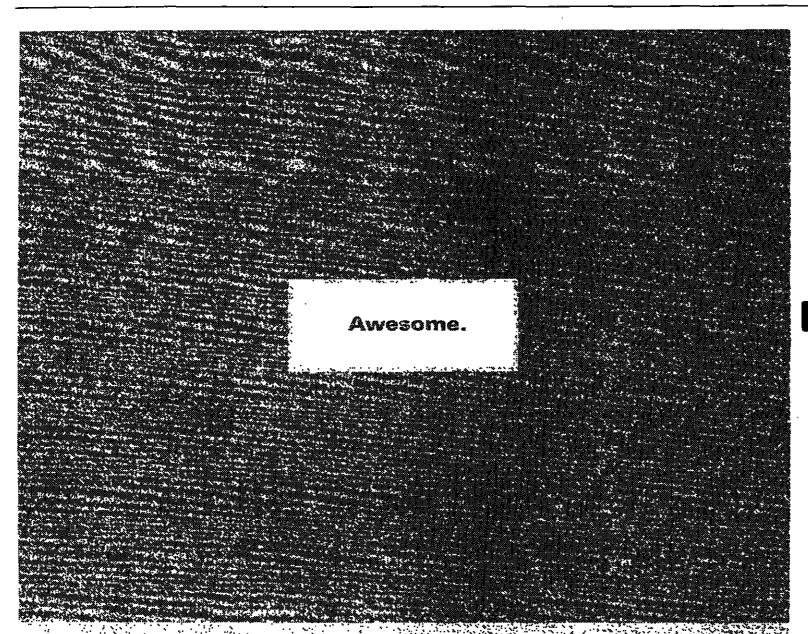
shocked by this. We wouldn't and agony aunt at YOU give advice like this. The jury magazine, said she was antilegalisation but agreed with Ms Stoppard's tactic of frankness. "You have to be honest with children and tell them about the risks but it doesn't work to make everything scary," she said. "If you tell a child of eight all drugs are terrible, he will just want to

know why adults take them." Virginia Ironside, the rockcolumnist-turned-agony-aunt writing for The Independent. admits sampling cocaine and even once smoking heroin. She said that a hard-line parental stance over drugs was counter-productive.

When children find out they don't drop dead but have a

Ecstasy tablet, they will ig-nore all parental advice, innore all parental advice. Including the important bits.
she said. She would not
encourage children to experiment. "Marijuana remains
illegal. If youngsters get
caught and have a caution on
their record, it can cause their record, it can cause

problems finding jobs."
George Howarth, the Home Office Minister, was at a drugs conference in London yesterday. He said: "I don't think it is helpful for promi-nent figures to make this sort of statement. There are all sorts of problems with cannabis abuse, although I admit these are associated with



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Jails catch **1,300 trying** to smuggle narcotics

By RICHARD FORD

JAIL staff caught 1,300 people attempting to smuggle drugs to prisoners last year as part of a drive to curb drug use among immates. A further 250 people have been arrested since April.

Bins into which people can dump drugs have been placed outside some jails and prison staff have noticed a rise in the number of visitors who, on seeing searches conducted, turn back and place packages

in their vehicles. Pam Wilson, head of order and control in the Prison Service, disclosed the arrests at a meeting of the London Drug Policy Forum. She said there was greater use of informants in the 135 jails in England and Wales to detect drugs and potential smugg-

Seventy jails now had sniffer dogs that often worked the area where prisoners received visitors. Also, tables in visit areas had been lowered to make it less easy to pass drugs and the number of searches

had been increased. Random drug testing found that 35 per cent of those tested in Pentonville jail, London, were positive and 20 per cent of those tested in Holloway were positive.

Boy in drug alert may have taken new strain

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A NEW and powerful form of Ecstasy is thought to have caused the collapse of a 13year-old boy who swallowed three tablets while playing with friends near his home. Andrew Woodlock, from

New Stevenston, North Lan-arkshire, was still critically ill on a life-support machine last night. He arrived unconscious at Monklands District Hospital on Saturday night after his mother found him staggering around a park.

Strathclyde Police issued a warning about the new strain of Ecstasy after seizing number of cream, diamondshaped pills, scored down the centre, near the area where Andrew lives. Two teenagers have appeared at Hamilton Sheriff Court on charges relating to misuse of drugs. They made no plea and were re-

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Anthony Steen, Conservative MP for Totnes, was not undeclared in the Conservative leadership contest (reports June 11 and June 18). He has supported Kenneth Clarke throughout.



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> The Australian-born Lady ryon, known as "Kanga", vas detained by police outside er manor house home in reat Durnford, Wiltshire, fter she made spurious alleations that someone was ying to kill her. Lady Tryon, who is wheel-

hair-bound, was voluntarily dmitted from Salisbury olice station to the special nit at a nearby hospital. where she has been treated ver the past year after being isable Tin a fall.

Lord Tryon, 57, a merchant anker, agreed to a single nterview with a local reporter



Lady Tryon before her struggle with cancer

yesterday and confirmed his wife's earlier claim on Tuesday that he had asked for a divorce last weekend after 24

years of marriage. He said that his wife, a mother of four, had "flipped" and had done so before. "I do not understand the workings of the human mind," he said. "She has said in the past I am going to murder her. I would not say definitely there is going to be a divorce but it is very likely, for the sake of the children as much as any-

He refused to comment on

claims by Lady Tryon that he wanted her to leave the family home and said that he had "no idea" if she would return after hospital treatment. He later refused to elaborate on the

Tryon 'driven to divorce

It emerged yesterday that for several days Lady Tryon had telephoned police in Amesbury, Wiltshire, to make allegations concerning staff and the theft of jewellery. On Tuesday morning, she

told a reporter that Lord Tryon had asked for a divorce, which she was "furious" about. She then went for bunch at the local public house with her friend Sarah Miles, the

At 2.20pm a woman telephoned police to say that Lady Tryon was in a distressed state and claiming her life was in danger. Police arrived, decided after speaking to Lady Tryon that her claims were spurious in the extreme." and detained her under the Mental Health Act. At one stage Lady Tryon claimed to be telephoning the Oueen.

After a struggle and heated exchanges involving police, the couple's grown-up children, friends and staff, she was

placed in her wheelchair in her adapted van. At Salisbury police station, consultations took place between Lady Tryon's doctor, a social worker and an independent psychiatrist. Police , who had considered sectioning Lady Tryon under the Mental Health Act agreed that she should be released into voluntary medical care at Salisbury

District Hospital, where last

night she was said to be in a satisfactory condition. A friend of the family in the named, said: "It is very sad and it is all about the fact that she has been desperately ill and fought for so long against ill health." She said of Lady Tryon, who has fought against cancer for three years: "Sometimes people just cannot take

Lord Tryon was "a decent and very nice person and it is unfair that he is being made out to be the cause of her anguish. He has visited her constantly in hospital. I am sure that he would never have wished this to happen."

any more and they just de-

Decline and fall, page 21



Lord Tryon described the family's situation yesterday as "a complete tragedy"

Mountain guide's **'thorny** decision'

BY ADRIAN LEE

A MOUNTAIN guide who fell and dragged his client to his death was forced to conduct a "mental balancing act" while thousands of feer up in the French Alps and, with hindsight, a mistake was made, the High Court was told yester-

day.
The guide, David Cuthbertson, was facing the prospect of a "terrifying" rockfall when he cut back on safety in order to escape, the court was told. Referring to the immi-nent rockfall, his counsel, Jonathan Barnes, said: "It is a bit like sniper's alley, isn't it? Every minute seems a life-

Mr Cuthbertson, 49, of Inverness, denies he was negligent when Gerry Hedley, 41, an art restorer, was killed on Tour Ronde seven years ago. To save time. Mr Cuthbertson had anchored his companion with one ice-screw instead of the accepted two, which did not hold when the guide was thrown off the 12,000ft peak.

He is being sued by Mr Hedley's widow. The hearing continues.

Developer guilty over builder's death fall wide open

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN EILENBURG

BRITISH property developr has been convicted of negli-ent manslaughter after avest London bricklayer died n an horrific accident on one f his sites in Germany. It is he first time a developer has een prosecuted for the death f a foreign worker in Europe ind could open the floodgates

or other similar cases. David Carter, who lives in dermany, was given a five-menth suspended prison senence and ordered to pay 4,500 compensation to the vidow of Leonard Stacey, who ell 28ft to his death from the oof of an apartment block on site near Leipzig, in eastern Germany, Mr Stacey's widow, Denise, 37, fought a long ampaign to bring her husband's employers to justice and acted as co-prosecutor in he two-day trial in Eilenburg. Caster, originally from Chal. Int St Peter, Bucking-hamshire, Richard Unter-

nuber, the German developer; and Thomas Naumann, the site manager, were charged with negligent manslaughter and endangering the lives of building workers. Unterhuber was convicted only of negligent manslaughter, and ordered to pay a fine of £6,500.

Petra Wendtland, the judge, old Carter: "Your behaviour was bordering on disgraceful. You were only concerned about the swift completion of the project and employing cheap labour."

Mr Stacey, 49, was one of about 60,000 British and Irish builders who flocked to eastem Germany at the height of the reconstruction boom in the early 20s. He was building a wall on the second-floor roof of one black without any scaffolding security barriers or netting when he fell. He died

After ablicly expressing his standard to Mrs Stacey, and the accident had minuted him. "Over the past propers, it as if I've had the head, he said, using is right under German law to ing. I do not underthis day why he was

Blair leaves NHS review

Tony Blair left open the possibility of introducing prescription charges for some pensioners when the Government completes its review of health spending. He refused to rule out the move after being pressed by John Major, in his last Prime Minister's Questions as Tory leader.

Mr Blair said: "Once you start ruling out things, then people say, well you've ruled this in, you've ruled this out." He insisted that the review would be consistent with a manifesto commitment that access to healthcare should be based on need and not ability

Doctors divided, page 11 Firework death

A City trader was killed instantly in front of his two young sons when he lit the wrong fuse on a giant mortarshell firework — a type since outlawed - and it exploded in his face. An inquest jury returned a verdict of accidental death on Steven Timcke, 34, of Wilmington, Kent.

Baby deaths

Police are investigating the deaths of two baby brothers and their cousin over three years in Brighton, amid fears that they were killed by relatives. They are examining the theory that they were killed because the family wanted only girls, and that those girls have been sexually abused.

Runway profest

A legal attempt by protesters to block Manchester airport's second runway was dismissed. yesterday. The aprotesters were seeking leave for a judicial review of the Government's approval for the scheme. The High Court ruled that they faced insuperable difficulties

Drugs boom fear-Drug trafficking is booming in Britain with cheap heroin and plentiful supplies of can-nabis, Ecstasy and LSD, Dick Kellaway, Customs chief investigation officer, said. Customs prevented drugs worth

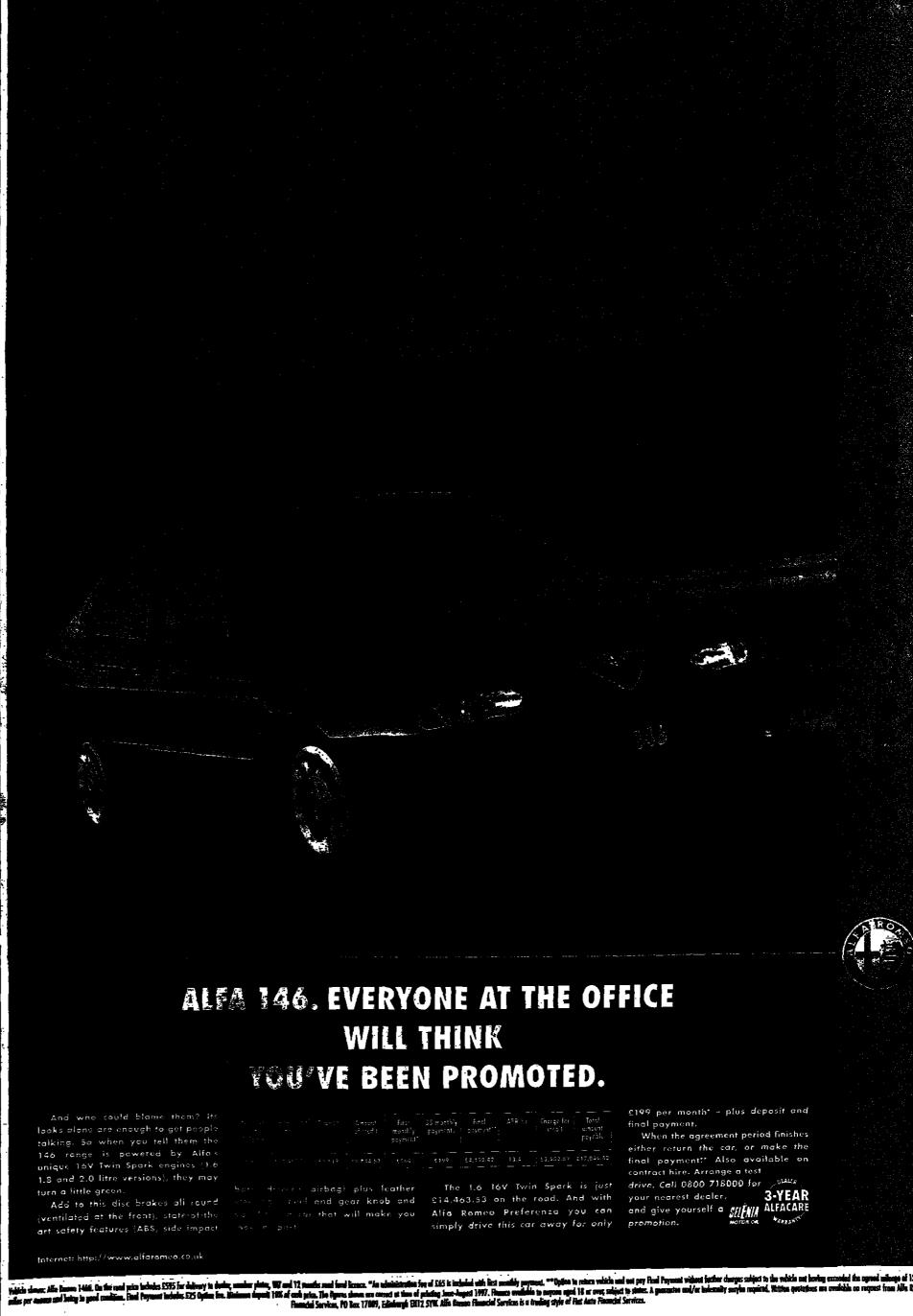
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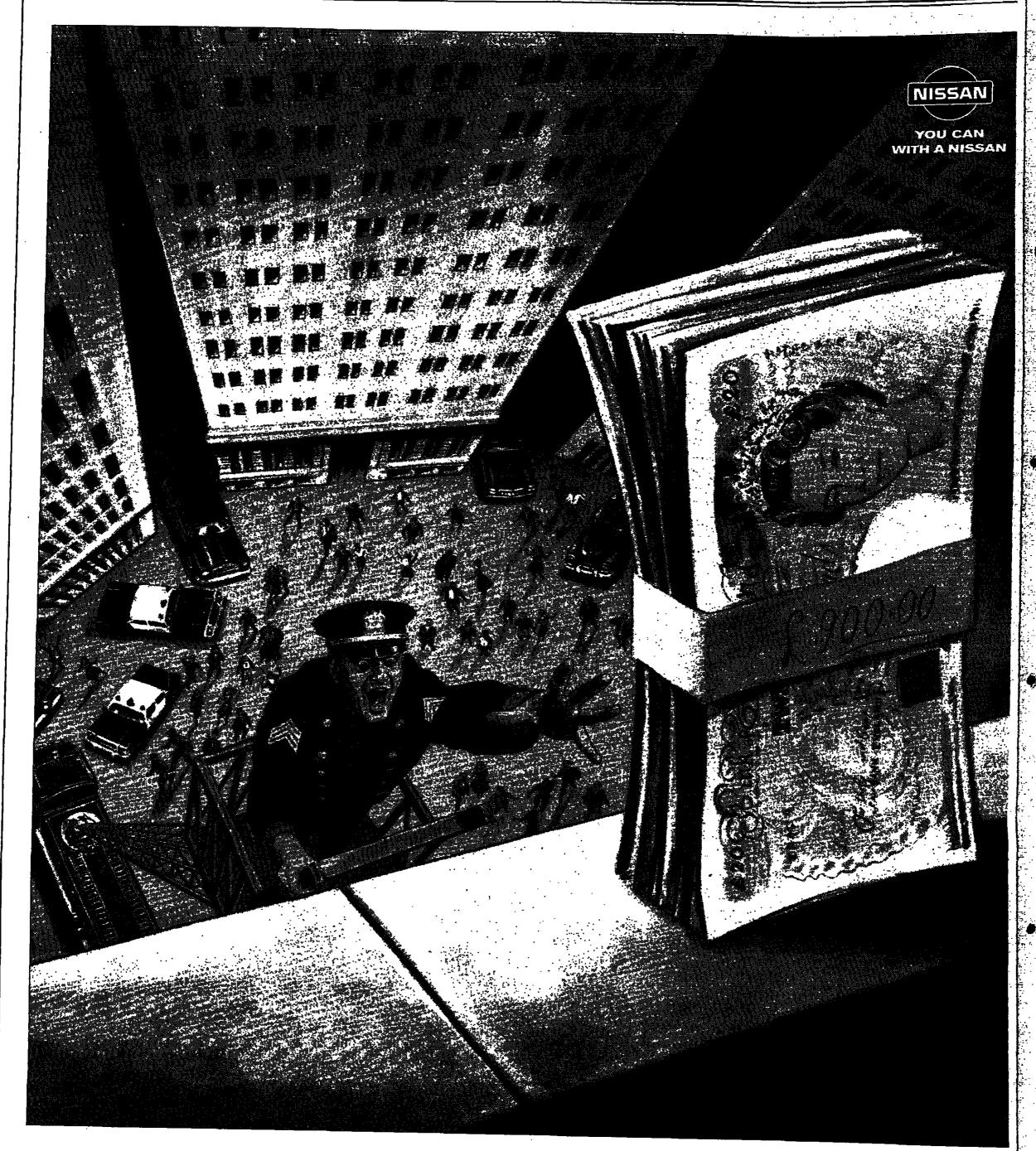
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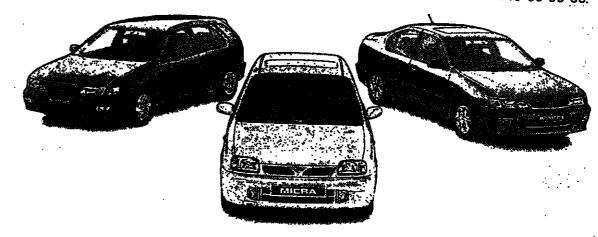
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Sketch completes jigsaw of Seurat's huge masterpiece

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SCHOLARS have found the missing link in a jigsaw of drawings that helped Georges Seurat to create his masterpiece Bathers at Asnieres.

Ten drawings were listed on a studio inventory drawn up after Seurat's death in 1891 but art scholars were certain of the whereabouts of only nine. The missing sketch, of a boy cupping his hands, was thought to be in a private collection in Paris but the owner refused to allow it to be

Since his death the picture has been made available and the attribution has been confirmed by John Leighton, the National Gallery's former curator of 19th-century painting. now director of the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. He said yesterday: "With an artist like Seurat, whose work is so well documented, you don't expect this sort of thing to happen. It's always a surprise



Seurat worked hard on the hands in the sketch

when a work turns up through the mists of time."

The ten images, spread among private and public will be reunited for the first Gallery, starting July 2. There will also be 14 oil sketches that relate to Bathers, which measures 300cm by 201cm (9ft loins by 6ft 6ins).

Robert Herbert, an American scholar at Yale, first tried to examine the missing sketch in the late 1980s but the owner refused. Two years ago, Richard Thomson, a specialist in 19th-century French art and professor at Edinburgh University, tried again. "The phone was slammed down," he said.

The owner has since died

and the drawing, measuring 32cm by 24cm (about 1ft by 912 ins), was brought to the National Gallery a few months ago by a London dealer. Apart from it being "right stylistically", Mr Leighton said the attribution was supported by evidence found on the back: it has an inventory inscription in the hand-writing of one of the people

who drew up the list. The newly attributed image shows the standing bather



Bathers at Asnières, painted when Seurat was 25, was kept hidden from scholars and the public for decades

down to his thighs. Mr Leighton, who has co-curated the National Gallery show with Professor Thomson, said: "If you glance at it, it's very close to the final work. But as you study it, you become aware of the subtle differences." He said that the artist had obvi-

ously had difficulty with the

way the boy curs his mouth as the painting shows extensive reworkings of that area.

Seurat, the founder of Neo-Impressionism, is associated with the technique called pointillism, in which a composition is painstakingly built up with miniscule dots of luminous colour. Bathers has become one of the most famous images, and it would be almost impossible to value. Seurat sold little before his death

from diphtheria at 31. In 1884. Bathers was turned down by the Paris Salon but the municipal authorities allowed it to be shown with hundreds of other rejected works in a temporary building. Professor Thomson said that it was bung in the bar or cafe, so even there it was "not treated with great respect?

"Only four or five critics commented on it. Some said it was interesting; some found it curious. But they recognised in as an ambitious painting.



Ministers seek global ban on self-chilling can

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A CAN that cools fizzy drinks at the press of a button is to be banned by Britain amid claims that the product will undermine international efforts to curb global warming.

The can, unveiled yesterday at an industry exhibition in Singapore, uses a refrigerant that is up to 3.400 times more powerful in its environmental effects than carbon dioxide. the power station and transport gas linked with rising world temperatures.

British ministers fear that millions of cans could be sold every year, leading to large volumes of global-warming gases being pumped into the atmosphere. They will be pressing for a tough line at a meeting of the European Union's environment council meeting in Luxembourg to-Michael Meacher, the Minister for the Environment. promised to ban manufacture of the product in Britain. A production line for the cans in the South East is rumoured to

be under consideration. If we allow a gas which is so potent in producing global warming, we are completely undermining international efforts to overcome this cause of global warming with all its very adverse consequences for human society," Mr Meacher said yesterday. Britain will be pressing developed nations for a 20 per cent cut in carbon dioxide emissions by 2010 at a United Nation's special Gen-

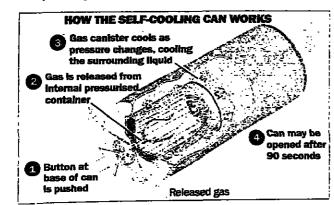
eral Assembly next week. The can is the brainchild of Mitchell Joseph. a California businessman whose family has been involved in soft drinks for three generations.

The can uses a product called HFC 134a developed by companies such as ICI and Dupont as an alternative to chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). which are banned under the Montreal Protocol. The substitute chemical is used in refrigerators and air-conditioning but, unlike the can, these are closed systems.

At the heart of the selfchilling can is a cylinder inserted in the base and filled with liquid HFC and a valve. When the valve is pressed, the liquid turns to a gas and escapes, taking heat from its surrounding, in this case the fizzy drink, causing it to cool.

John Nutting, editor of Canmaker, said that alarm about the can was misplaced. The inventor was considering other refrigerants that had far

less effect on global warming. But vesterday ICI, makers of HFC 134a, distanced itself from the self-chilling can by saying that it would not supply chemicals for its production.



Councils failing to meet 'green' targets

CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN halls are paying lip service to environmental progress while failing to meet government targets on waste recycling, traffic planning and energy conservation, an Audit Commission report says.

Even where councils are making an effort, measures are often counterproductive. Attempts to improve the efficiency of rubbish collection through the introduction of wheelie bins has led to a 25 per

cent increase in waste because people appear to be tempted by their huge capacity. It seems unlikely that many

councils will reach the target of recycling 25 per cent of household waste by the year 2000. The report suggests encouraging people to com-post waste and giving councils wer to charge directly for each bin or sack emptied

Less than 20 per cent of bids transport funding had been for public transport and cycling. Liberal Democrat councils were the most likely to have a good "green" record.



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Carey denounces withdrawal of free care for elderly

SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A GENERATION is growing old with a strong sense of betrayal and injustice at the piecemeal dismantling of free care for the elderly, the Archbishop of Canterbury will say

today.

Dr George Carey, 60, will issue a warning that the disappearance of cradle-tograve National Health Service provision "has increased people's sense of instability in their lives".

Constant anxiety is corrosive and fear for one's own future can make one less than generous to one's fellow citizens. It can also foster resentment between the generations, whereas we should be aiming at solidarity and fellow feeling," he will say.

In a passionate speech, to be delivered in London tonight to



Carey: people's sense of instability increased

care for the elderly. Dr Carey will criticise the introduction of means-tested long-term care for elderly people which, he claims, contains a "marked element of arbitrariness and

A small number of people face the trauma of losing virtually all their assets in the Ahbeyfield Society, a char-ity that provides residential care, wiping out all their

Big increase in over-60s forecast

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE over-60s will form more than a quarter of the world's population in a hundred years, experts forecast yesterday. They believe that ageing. rather than population growth, will be the future focus of public, political and

scientific concern. The forecast appears in Nature from a team led by Dr Wolfgang Lutz of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Vienna. The team believes that today's 5.8 billion world population will increase to 7.9 billion in 2020 and 10 billion in 2050.

"A strong increase in the proportion of elderly people is virtually certain." it says. rising from the present 9.5 per cent to 20 per cent in 2050 and 27 per cent in 2100.

By then population growth in most of the world will have stopped or even begun to decline, but growth will continue in Africa, the team

concludes. The forecasts are based on expert opinion about trends in fertility, mortality

and migration. They not only set out the most probable outcomes but also how probable they are. The team concludes, for example, that there is a two-thirds probability that the world's population will not double during the next century.

One of the key elements in the analysis is the global trend towards low fertility, even in countries of traditionally high birth rate. At the other end of the equation there was uncertainty about how much longer people will live. Some experts believe that the human race is already close to the biological limit of life-expectancy.

Although the population of the world may not double before it stabilises, the numbers of over 60s will more than double and may even triple by 2100, according to the forecast. never bothered to save any-

charge," he will say.

Although Dr Carey is careful in his address not to be politically partisan or to ap-portion blame, implicit in his speech is a denunciation of the 18 years of Conservative rule when most of the "reforms" he criticises were implemented.

His optimism that a way forward can be found, now that the new Labour Government has recognised the need for wholesale reform of the welfare state, will be seen by some as an endorsement of the radical plans of Frank Field. the Minister for Welfare Reform, who is a close friend.

Dr Andrew Purkis, the Archbishop's secretary for public affairs, said: "He is aware that we are now at a time where it's possible to go back to basics and conduct a thorough review of the situation. He feels that the Church has an important contribution. to make to such a review."

Dr Carey's address is based on his growing concern for the thousands of unpaid "invisi-ble" carers of elderly disabled relatives. The percentage of the population aged over 80 is predicted to rise from 3.7 per cent in 1991 to 4.5 per cent in 2021, an increase of about 600,000 people. Between 2011 and 2041, the number of over-85s is expected to double.

We simply should not tolerate people having to live in fear of financial ruin in old age, or people fearing virtual abandonment by the rest of society if they undertake caring responsibilities for a close relative, or elderly people feeling that to remain alive in a residential home is an unwanted burden through which their children's inheritance will be destroyed," Dr Carey

He is optimistic that prompt action could ensure that sufficient provision is made for the growing number of old people. Among the possible solutions Dr Carey suggests is a compulsory national care insurance scheme. Those with jobs would pay 1.5 per cent of earnings into an insurance fund to pay for the costs of care



Policemen's children weep for their fathers

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Treland Correspondent

A YOUNG boy wept uncon-trollably on his mother's shoulder yesterday as the children of two murdered RUC constables became the focus of public grief at their

Louie Johnston, 7, heard Dr Sam Hutchinson, the Presbyterian Moderator, condemn the shootings in a powerful sermon, saying: A happy family has been devastated, not because of an unfortunate accident but because cynical godfathers and callous gunmen decided it should be so." David Johnston, 30, and

John Graham, 34, were killed

on Monday at Lurgen. PC

Johnston's widow, Angie, clutched her sons Joshua, 3, and Louie as they followed the coffin out of the church at Lisburn, Co. Armagh. Louie wrote a note on a floral wreath to "the greatest dad in the world. We love you."

Two of PC Graham's three daughters, Rebecca, 10, and Abigail, 7, were supported by their mother. Rosemary, and their aunt at their father's Baptist funeral in Tandragee Co Armagh. The youngest, Katie, 2. did not attend. Pastor Edward Betts said the constable did not have a "shred of sectarian hatred in his heart". "There are evil men in our midst who do the work of the Devil by murdering good men and ruining good families.

"I feel like leaving my pulpit and going to their den of iniquity to take them by the scruff of the neck to show them the young families." ☐ The teenage children of a Maze Prison officer had to escape across the roof of their home in East Belfast after it was fire-bombed by Loyalist terrorists protesting against cell searches on a wing housing Ulster Volunteer Force immates. The terrorists also threatened to murder a

US call for Adams to disown the killers

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX

ONE of Gerry Adams's most vocal supporters in the United States believes that Sinn Fein will have to condemn IRA murders if it wishes to main-

tain popular support.
Fundraising for Sinn Fein rose over the past six months. despite the resumption of violence, but Peter King, Republican congressman for New York, said: Virtually everyone who supported Adams before continues to be convinced he's doing all he can. But this week's events are pushing a number of us very close to the line where we would think he should go public and condemn the IRA if he is not to lose all American support."

The Clinton Administration, which has condemned the killings in the strongest language yet used towards the republican movement, has so far held back from a decision to withdraw from the peace process. One senior official, said: This has been the most shocking and depressing week in my time on Ireland."

Friends of Sinn Fein, the republican fundraising org-anisation, raised \$216,000 (£125,000) in the past six months, a third more than in the previous half-year and more than 50 per cent more than in the same period a year ago. Chuck Feeney, a prominent businessman, is by far the single largest donor, according to financial returns filed at the Justice Department. Mr Feeney, a secretive New Jersey businessman who co-founded a chain of international duty-free shops, contributed £70,000.

☐ Sinn Fein confirmed yesterday that John Kennedy Jr, son of the late President John F. Kennedy, attended the military-style funeral in Ireland last week of Patrick Kelly, a

convicted IRA bomber. Kelly's funeral was held on Saturday. According to the New York Post, Mr Kennedy was there to supervise a story for George, a glossy magazine he edits. Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, also attended, Kelly. who was jailed for 25 years in 1993, died of skin cancer.

Governors suspend school sale

Parents campaigning to save Britain's only Jewish board-ing school won a key battle yesterday after governors sus-pended its sale to a developer. The board of Carmel College The board of Carmel College, near Wallingford in Oxfordshire, decided to review the reported £2.5 million deal after the Charity Commission

launched an inquiry. A group of parents con-cerned at the way the closure was suddenly announced in April called in the commis-sion. They are fundraising to clear the school's debts and are formulating a plan that would have the support of the Jewish community.

Fund for teacher

A fund set up in memory of Gwen Mayor, the primary school teacher who died in the Dunblane massacre, has reached £107,000. The fund is operated by the Educational Institute of Scotland, of which she was a member.

Widower's move

The widower of a woman killed when part of a North Yorkshire rail bridge fell on her car is to sue Railtrack. Inspectors reported the bridge in poor condition two years ago, an inquest was told. Verdict accidental death.

Sainsbury's sued

Sainsbury's is being sued by Chanel over the use of the name Cristelle. The fashion house says that the supermarket group breached an injunction. It wants Sainsbury's to hand over all of its products carrying the name Cristelle.

Number's up

Police in Greater Manchester are to prosecute 500 drivers who were stopped during a two-week campaign against distorted number plates. The drivers face fines of up to £1,000 and having the plates

Flyover plea

The RAF Red Arrows are to put on a display at a primary school fête after an invitation from a five-year-old pupil. Jack Davidson, who attends the Sir Thomas More school in Saffron Walden, Essex, has an uncle in the Red Arrows.

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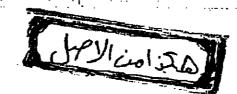
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Broken promise would mean £24m wasted on preparations for Millennium Exhibition

Dome chiefs await final word from Blair

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

IT WILL cost Tony Blair £24 million and a broken promise to Bob Ayling, the chief executive of British Airways, if he cancels the Millennium Exhibition today.

The Prime Minister spent yesterday studying the most detailed proposals yet for the content of the £750 million show, including a virtual space walk, holograms of great inventions and a chance for children to play with toys of the future.

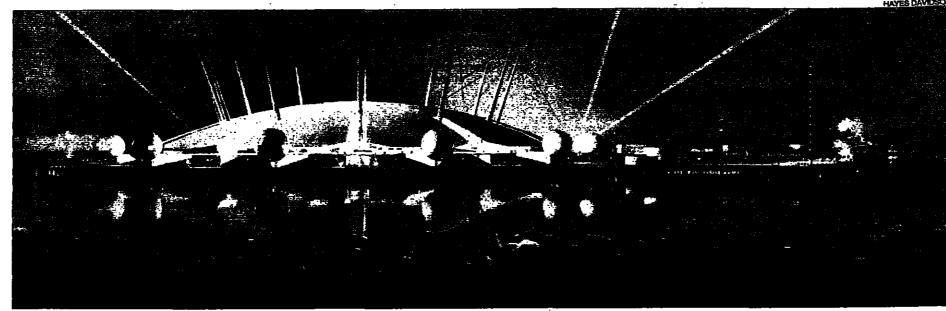
On January 17, Mr Blair assured Mr Ayling, chairman of Millennium Central, which is organising the exhibition, that he would not cancel the event if Labour won the general election. With the confidence of that assurance, the organisers began recruiting staff on five-year contracts, ordered £8 million of steel and E7 million of PVC for the dome. It will cost E24 million if the Cabinet pulls the plug today.

The tickets for the festival the theme of which is "Time" - are likely to be working warches, with the visitor's entrance date and time on them. Millennium Central has been in discussions with Swatch about sponsorship.

Everybody who arrives will be taken to the hub of the dome, in groups of 10,000, where they will be shown a son et lumière display on "Time's Arrow". The halfhour programme will take visitors from the evolution of man through the development of civilisation, progressing to how the British are today and their future. The sound-andlight display will build up pace, emphasising the passage of time.

The climax is the present time standing still. At that instant the hub will open and the visitors move into the three areas of the dome, representing The Human Body and Mind. What We Do (achievement and invention). and Where We Live (the planet and environment).

Each segment will have 20



An artist's impression of how the centre would look on the Greenwich skyline. Sources say its future depends on whether the exhibition passes Tony Blair's "Euan test"

tional material, interactive technology and playthings for children. The Human Body and Mind will include a virtual reality tour through a network of arteries and veins. There will be a pavilion on what science can do for the mind, looking at the future of education and whether machines can be used to teach people. A Frankenstein show will examine what can be

to the human body. Who English People Are will look at the evolution of Englishness. Accent and dia-

done, and should not be done.

describe how all the different ways of speaking came to be. In a taped version of the Domesday Book, every visitor will have three minutes to record their favourite experi-

for the future. There will be a display of 2.000 Years of Christian art, looking at how people prayed and believed in the past and predicting how they will do so in the next 1,000 years.

ence of the past and their hope

The What We Do human achievement zone is an invention, industry and design show. Visitors will be able to

creative professions working live on computer links to Greenwich. A biological scientist will perform innovative exercises on big screens and explain them as he goes along. An artist will paint a picture. Frontiers of Play will allow allow children to experiment with new kinds of toy to see

The winners of the Millennium Design Awards, showing the finest of British industry, will be on display, as will holograms of leading foreign inventions.

how they react.

The third section, Where We Live, includes a space ports and sea lanes will cope of the UK will produce dis-

walk. In a dark space, people will walk on glass with a hologram of the Earth beneath, re-creating the view of an astronaut.

A huge database of NASA photographs of Britain will be used to build a computer map of the country. Visitors will be able to focus on their own town or village. Schools around the country will be invited to send details about their own neighbourhood, which will be built into the programme.

The Trouble With Travel will look at how roads, air-

with the increasing demand for mobility. At what point is movement incompatible and Whither Tyneside? what can be done about it?

Visitors can forecast ecological change using a computer that will show how forests and rivers are predicted to be affected by the next 1,000 years.

The various features will continually updated.Outside the dome are a dozen giant golf balls which will include regional contributions. Between now and the exhibition, young people from all the countries and regions

plays to represent the past and future of their area. For example, one might be called

The full contents of the exhibition have been studied by the Prime Minister after a series of frantic meetings between the organisers and Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio. Mr Blair has demanded an exhibition so exciting that his children will insist on being taken to see it. Labour sources say that the latest draft must pass the

Euan test". The exhibition is on schedule to open on time. Most of this year so far has been spent creating the dome and the design work for the contents were to be the next detailed

The organisers knew that Labour wanted to review the exhibition plans once in power but believed this was only to ensure that the show could be delivered to budget, not to cancel it. Only in the past fortnight have they considered that the entire event might be cancelled.

They believed that Gordon Brown and Labour's Treasury team were backing the proposal in January, and signed contracts on that basis.

Improved rail fare accuracy demanded

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TRAIN companies that mislead passengers on timetables and fares could be put under pressure to provide more accurate information by the publication of league tables.

The rail regulator demanded immediate improvements after national statistics showed that inconsistent details are often given about the cheapest fares and quickest

Train companies have come under heavy criticism for failing to give accurate information and some have been accused of holding back de-tails of cheap fares. John Swift, the regulator, issued a warning yesterday that he will change train operators' li-cences if they fail to improve the standards of service.

Initial results from the Mystery Shopper survey, in which 5,200 secret checks were made on ticket and timetable information, showed clear inconsistencies on the more complicated inquiries. The results of the survey, completed this week, will be published next month.

Although details of how the figures will be presented have not yet been decided. Mr Swift is believed to be keen to make the results easily understandable and to ensure that comparisons can be made. possibly through publication of league tables. Yesterday he said that accuracy was a key element in ensuring that people returned to train travel. Many were having to make two or more telephone calls to check train information and sometimes had then to visit their local station to confirm the details.

The survey follows falling confidence in the ticketing system and damaging reports detailing widespread overcharging by companies. At present operators have to sell tickets across the network often on behalf of rivals - but a survey last year by the Consumers' Association showed that 10 per cent of customers were overcharged by an average of £24 a ticket.

-day arrives with meeting of Cabinet team

By JUL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

day: a silence symbolising TONY BLAIR and Chris Smith will meet this morning to take the critical decision over whether the Millennium Exhibition should go ahead. An announcement is expected to be made later today so that the issue can be settled before Mr Blair leaves for the G7 summit in Denver on Friday.

Mr Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, will present to Mr Blair what he thinks is a workable package pavilions containing educa- based on an idea by Millennium

Central, the body that will run the exhibition. Sources close to Mr Smith say there have been revisions, in part from other members of the Millennium Commission and from national heritage advisers. They also say that Mr Blair will be given several options, ranging from a big event with a dome to a small event without one. Mr Blair and Mr Smith, who may be joined by Alistair Darling. Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will determine whether the scheme should

go ahead and in what form. Although the Prime Minister supports the idea of an exhibition that will attract worldwide attention, he is very worried about underwriting the costs of the scheme, which might fail to attract enough vistors. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, has also made clear that he would not support any further government funding for the

Downing Street sources also point out that there is concern that the centre will be taken down within two years, which could be seen as a waste

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of money.

Mr Blair was said to be studying

papers on the scheme vesterday afternoon, having had little time to be briefed because of the Amsterdam summit.

Peter Mandelson, one of his closest allies, has had at least two lengthy meetings with Millennium Central this week including one with Bob Ayling, chief executive of British Airways and chairman of Millenni-um Central on Monday night. "That meeting would not have taken place if the Government was on the point of dropping the scheme," one minister

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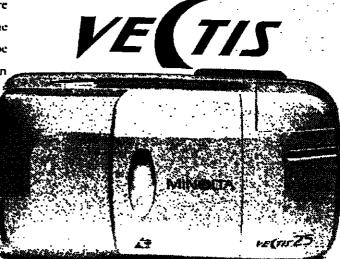
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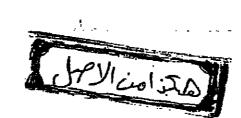
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Tales of incompetence by staff and management

Complaints about health service hit record level

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD number of complaints has been made about the National Health Service by patients fed up with delays. incompetence and bad man-agement, the health ombudsman reported yesterday.

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Michael Buckley, the Health Service Commissioner, said in his annual report for 1996-97, published yester-day, that 2,219 complaints were sent to him, a 24 per cent increase on the previous year. He upheld 69 per cent of the complaints investigated, the highest proportion since the health ombudsman's office

Cases of bad management included a man with an acute stomach ache who had to wait eight hours in an emergency unit at Hillingdon Hospital, west London, before being admitted for surgery because he happened to fall ill on the day when junior doctors throughout the country changed jobs. Swapping jobs every six months is a normal part of junior doctors' training but, in this case, the senior surgical house officer had left for his new posting before his replacement arrived.

The ombudsman's report said that his workload had increased, despite a streamlined procedure for complaints introduced last year. A lay convener now sifts the complaints before passing the more difficult ones to the tion suffers from schizophre-

ombudsman Mr Buckley found failures in the way this practice was working and criticised four of the conveners for their actions in particular cases: "If such failures were repeated, they would call into question the integrity of the NHS complaints procedure

and the independent role of the convenor. A total of 93 per cent of complaints about the complaints procedure were upheld. Mr Buckley said it was disgraceful that a woman at Pontefract General Infirmary had to wait from June 1992 until May 1995 before receiving an answer about concerns

over her treatment. An example of a convener's failure was in the case of a man whose daughter was found to have leukaemia after being told by Epsom General Hospital that she did not need blood test. The convener refused to grant an independent review when the father complained.

At Hammersmith Hospital, in west London, a patient who went to have a growth removed was given the wrong treatment because laboratory staff had labelled the growth with the details of another

Schizophrenia care 'is geographic lottery'

SCHIZOPHRENICS are treated differently according to where they live, a report published yesterday said. Costly drugs that could control the illness are not always made available and some psychiatrists fail to keep up to date with developments.

The claims were made by the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry. which has called for more equal care for the 35,000 people a year who are treated for the condition.

nia: 1.6 per cent of the total health budget is spent on their

treatment Early treatment can lead to a cure in a significant number of cases yet three quarters of people with schizophrenia stop taking medication within two years of discharge from

Bharat Mehta, chief executive of the National Schizophrenia Fellowship, said: "I hope that a new Government whose declared aim is to provide equal treatment for all will respond positively to the need for action."

patient. The man eventually needed a second operation. At Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, a child was called for an appointment for a food absorption test and was told not to eat or drink anything on the day. After the child had gone 17 hours without food or

drink, the test was cancelled. The ombudsman traced the problem to a disagreement between the doctor who headed the test unit and the hospital trust. "I found it disgraceful that differences between the principal players caused the child's test to be cancelled at such a late stage, An elderly man taken to Hope Hospital in Salford with

a suspected heart attack lost an eye after nurses failed to note his son's information that he had recently had an eye operation. When the man fell out of bed the next night, nobody made a special check on his eyes and, by the time the problem was discovered, it was too late. The report blamed poor communication. At the Prince Philip Hospi-

tal in Llanelli, a nurse telephoned a man to tell him his mother had died. The man contacted other relatives and a firm of undertakers. An hour later he was told by the hospital that the nurse had made a mistake.

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Adam James yesterday with the wrist brace that could supersede the plaster cast

Schoolboy's invention casts off tradition

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

A SCHOOLBOY'S invention may eventually banish plaster of Paris from accident and emergency departments.

Adam James, 18, designed a wrist brace as an A-level project at Y Pant Comprehensive School in Pontyclun. South Wales. Now waiting to go to Loughborough Univer-sity, he was at the Royal Society yesterday to demonstrate it as part of the New Frontiers in Science exhi-

The brace is lighter, easier to apply and supports the wrist better without immobilising the hand. It can be reused and should be little more expensive than a plaster

cast; the prototype cost £3. Mr James developed it in consultation with an ortho-paedic surgeon. Peter Evans of East Glamorgan Hospital. It consists of an outer plastic casing in two parts, with a double-walled plastic tube inside which can be inflated with silicone gel. As the inner tube expands it presses against the arm, holding it

firmly in place. Mr James said: "Casts are put on when the wrist is still inflamed. When the inflammation goes down, they become loose and don't support the break properly. Some-times you can get another break.

The new support avoids that because more gel can be pumped in as the swelling subsides.

Doctors divided on | Prints may charging patients

BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

GENERAL practitioners voted against charging for health services yesterday but about a third of the 400 delegates at their annual conference backed the idea of asking patients to pay.

In a short but passionate debate, doctors said that resources were running out. Dr Stephen Amiel, who runs an inner-city practice at Camden in central London, said the Government was frying to wriggle out of two incompatible election pledges in think-Promises to improve the service could not be kept without raising taxes.

Doctors were left as the gatekeepers to an underfunded, crumbling system but they should not allow themselves to be turned into unpaid tax collectors. That would diminish and demean us all," he said:

Dr Grant Kelly, who runs a country practice in West Sussex, warned against ignoring where the money was to come from. Demand was increasing uncontrollably, he said, but the British did not seem to

not want to impose taxes for it. Even though he backed the minority view that charging was necessary, he won ap-plause from all delegates when he said: "We may have to consider that demand will have to be curbed in a way that makes the public reconsider its personal responsi-bility to the NHS." Charges would cut demand and save the service.

want to pay for their health

care and the Government did

Dr Ian Bogle, a Liverpool GP who is chairman of the BMA's negotiating committee, said: "From talking to my patients I believe that the public would be prepared to pay more in taxation to run the health service, provided there is a very clear pathway between increasing the tax and health benefits.

finger DNA of criminals

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

CRIMINALS who leave their fingerprints at the scene of a crime may provide detectives with more clues than they imagined. Tests have shown that sufficient DNA can be recovered from prints left by fingers or palms to provide a genetic profile of the culprit.

The method was developed by Australian police. Roland van Oorschot and Maxwell Jones, police scientists with the Victoria Forensic Science Centre, report in Nature that it has provided evidence in cases of attempted murder, rape, armed robbery, extortion and drug-trafficking.

Research found that genetic material presumably from sweat or skin fragments could be obtained from briefcases, car keys, telephones and gloves. They say: There are many cases in which the genetic profile would be ex-





THE WHITEHALL REVOLUTION -

Ministry of Defence

and the big departments of state

Challenging the secrecy culture

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

GEORGE ROBERTSON has proclaimed a new era of openness at the Ministry of Defence with a promise to be forthcoming when things go wrong. In his own words: We're going to try and bust this culture of secrecy.

In an interview with The Times, the Defence Secretary said: "I want to delineate the areas where secrecy is not required. No Ministry of Defence can do that in every area, but where the public has a right to know then we shall be

The MoD has always enjoyed a culture of its own, based on a you-don't-need-toknow principle. The building remains a fortress, requiring security men to operate the revolving capsule doors to the inner sanctum. The secrecy culture has changed a little

Mr Robertson said that he was awestruck when he first took over. "In Opposition I had a staff of three and a half, now it's 350,000," he said. "I have a budget of £22 billion and an agenda that ranges from the difficult and pedestrian to things that make your hair stand on end."

What, I asked, makes your hair stand on end? He replied: "I can't tell vou."

Relenting, he offered the example of his visit to Northern Ireland ten days into the job. For a 150ft walk in



MoD building in Whitehall: a fortress run on the principle of "you don't need to know"

Crossmaglen he was guarded by 15 men armed with machineguns: That makes your hair stand on end."

Mr Robertson's commitment to openness is already beginning to show. The strategic defence review he is carrying out with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, will not be done in-house. He will bring in people from the outside world" to help to plot Britain's strategic future.

He also listed four decisions that demonstrate his willingness to change the MoD's image: the promise to be frank with Gulf War veterans suffer-

ing from illnesses, the ban on landmines, the withdrawal of a batch of defective plastic bullets used in Northern Ireland, and changes to an Army manual used in Bosnia that was judged to be pro-Serb.

"My basic principle will be to be open. That will be limited by the circumstances but we're spending a lot of public money and we need to tell people why. There are very big procurement decisions that are being made in the context of tight spending restraints at other departments and they have to be justified." Two big-spending decisions,

aircraft project, which will cost the taxpayer more than £15 billion. There are no other sacred cows, which means that all equipment procurement decisions, even those taken in the

however, have already been

ring-fenced and will be unaf-

fected by the six-month re-view: the £12 billion Trident

nuclear submarine pro-

gramme, and the Eurofighter

ous Government, will be reexamined and will have to be justified as part of the new strategic thinking.

Mr Robertson has told his

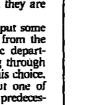
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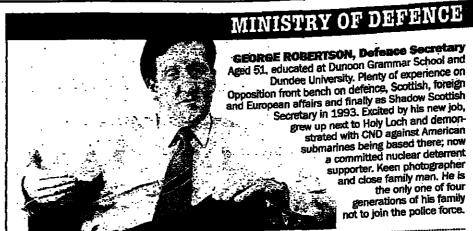
under way, they should work on the assumption that the contracts signed by the previ-ous Government would be honoured but that at any stage they might be told that a particular contract is to be cancelled.

One big strategic issue to be addressed concerns the future of the Royal Navy's aircraft carriers. If the Government wants to be involved in power projection, this will mean replacing the present three carri-ers by 2015. It is a long way off, but decisions may have to be taken before the turn of the century. Power projection has become one of the key phrases in Britain's defence strategy in the past five years and any move to scrap the carrier capability would be a blow to the Navy and would say more about the Government's approach to foreign policy than any cancellation of an arms export licence or pronouncement about human rights.

One low-priority decision facing Mr Roberston is on the furniture in his office. It was made for Churchill and, while he appreciates the prestige of having the great man's leather sofa and armchairs, they are not comfortable.

He also wants to put some prints on the walls from the MoD's photographic department. While looking through an album to make his choice. he quickly ruled out one of them. It was of his predecessor, Michael Portillo.





GEORGE ROBERTSON, Defence Secretary Aged 51, educated at Dunoon Grammar School and Dundee University. Plenty of experience on Opposition front bench on defence, Scottish, foreign and European affairs and finally as Shadow Scottish Secretary in 1993. Excited by his new job, grew up next to Holy Loch and demon-strated with CNO against American submarines being based there; now a committed nuclear deterrent supporter. Keen photographer and close family man. He is the only one of four generations of his family not to join the police force.



JOHN REID, Armed Forces Minister Aged 50, educated at St Patrick's Senior Secondary School, Coatbridge, and Stirling University, has PhD in economic history; was Opposition spokesman on defence, disammament and arms control from 1990-1997 and deputy to the Shadow Defence Secretary from 1995-97; laid the foundations for new Labour when he was asked by Neil Kinnock to draw up a blueprint for how the party should change. He described Labour's policies as obsolete and voter-unfriendly. Bright, chirpy, plain-speaking, smokes a lot in the office, gets in

LORD GILBERT, Defence Procurement Minister Aged 70, educated at Merchant Taylors' School and St John's College, Oxford. Has PhD from New York University. Elder statesman, done it all before in the last Labour Government, when he was a junior Defence Procurement Minister from 1976-79. Has the same office but has already changed the pictures; Wellington and co have been replaced by maps - he likes maps.





JOHN SPELLAR, Parliamentary under Secretary of State Aged 49, educated at Dulwich College and St Edmund's Hall, Oxford. Was Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland from 1994-95 and on defence from 1995-97. Relatively unknown, his responsibilities will include claims casework, low flying and Service museums.

SYLVIA HEAL, Parliamentary Private Secretary Aged 54, educated at Elfed Secondary Modern School, in Buckley, Wales, and University College, Swansea. Served on the Education Select Committee and on Labour's front bench as Shadow Health Minister and as deputy to the late Jo Richardson, spokeswoman on women's issues. Has been a member of the Advertising Standards Authority since 1992 and is a Justice of the Peace.



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it to Cabinet Secretary.

RICHARD MOTTRAM, Permanent Under-Secretary Aged 51, educated at King Edward VI Camp Hill School, Birmingham, and Keele University. Has spent most of his Civil Service career at the Ministry of Defence but was the first PUS at the new Office of Public Service and Science from 1992-95. Friendly, open, non-mandarin type, has a way with words and a first-class brain and could make



The In-Tray

 Should women be allowed into combat? The previous Government decided to let women go to sea and compensation.

Human Rights and the European Court of Justice which will have an impact on all equal treatment

 Will Gulf War syndrome be Personnel issues:

Recruiting for the Army needs to be boosted significantly to cover a hefty shortfall

medically proven and what will be the financial implications? John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister. has taken a sympathetic line on this long-running question but it could cost millions of pounds in

train to be fighter pilots but balked at women as frontline infantry.

Will the new ministers be forced Forces? Labour has inherited a by the European courts to overtum | I recruitment shortfall, especially in the ban on homosexuals serving in 1 the Army, and new attempts will the Armed Forces? There are cases 1 have to be made to encourage

pending in the European Court on 🔠 young men and women from the ethnic minorities to join up.

Procurement:

After the setting up of a strategic defence review, a long list of equipment contracts are now back in the I melting pot. Decisions will have to I be made on contracts already f approved by the previous Government, They include: Two new amphibious assault ships.

HMS Albion and HMS Bulwark, to replace the ageing HMS Intrepid and HMS Fearless, at a cost of £550 million. Three Astute class nuclear

submarines, with a new reactor system, costing £2 billion.

The Royal Navy wants to buy 12.

Twenty Nimrod 2000 maritime patrol aircraft for the RAF, costing £2 billion. A conventionally armed stand-off
 missile for the RAF, costing £800 An anti-armour missile for the

■ Twelve Horizon class frigates to

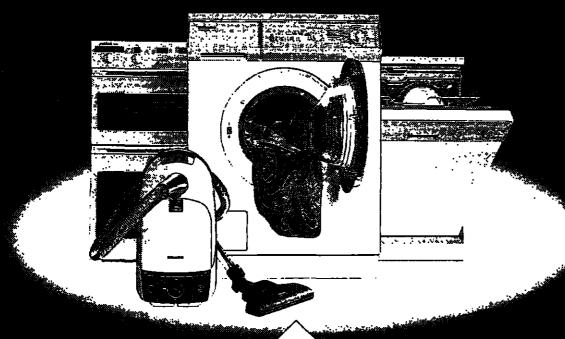
be about £8 billion.

be built with the French and Italians

Total cost for the three partners will

RAF, costing £700 million. Some big equipment projects have gone too far to be cancelled: HMS Ocean, a helicopter carrier, costing £180 million, is due to come into I service in August.

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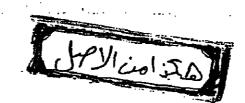
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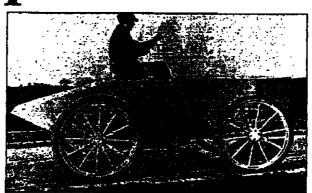
MOTORING EDITOR

THE name is familiar but the Bluebird Electric, which could take a descendant of the Campbells into the world land-speed record books, is distinctly futuristic.

Donald Wales is the godson and nephew of Donald Campbell and the grandson of Sir Malcolm Campbell. who between them broke more than 20 speed records on land and water. He plans to be the next in the dynasty to fight for a world record but unlike his forebears wants to use green technology by driving an electric car. On the famous sands at

Pendine in Carmarthen Bay, where the Campbells set several records, Mr Wales hopes to hurtle at over 200mph in September to the accompaniment of little more than wind noise and a pleasant whire as the electric motors spin at up to 20,000 revs a minute faster than the engine of a Formula One car.

Mr Wales announced the £400,000 attempt on the elec-



Count Chasseloup-Laubat reaching 39.24mph in 1898

tric car record in London yesterday at the new Bluebird Cafe in Chelsea opened by Sir Terence Conran as a tribute to the famous line of machines used by the Campbells.

Past Bluebirds relied on coventional internal combustion technology, using vast aircraft engines drinking gallons of fuel to attain speeds of up to 400mph.

Mr Wales pointed out that the first world land-speed record was set 99 years ago in an electric car when Count Chasseloup-Gaston

Laubat got his Jeantaud to 39.24mph. "This project is partly to help change the perceptions about electric power, that somehow it does not work and can never replace petrol power," he said. "By travelling at more than 200mph, we hope to show that the technology is

arriving and can translate into road-going cars." The Bluebird Electric does away with the traditional central motor, which has been hampered by its short range. The land-speed car has an electric motor on the hub of each rear wheel, generating 200 brake horsenower

The system, which needs no conventional gearbox or axles, has been tested successfully in a racing car built by Reynard, the British manufacturer of racers for the American Indycar series. The record attempt Blue-

bird will be ultra-light, according to Chris Humberstone, a leading race car constructor, who will build it. It will use the same advanced composite materials as found in a Formula One car and be sleek and low, running on tyres developed specially by Michelin, the company that supplied Count Jenatzy on an 1899 run to 60mph, also in an electric car.

Mr Humberstone said: "We are on a rapid learning curve but British engineers lead the world in racing-car technology so we want to show that with the same application, we can break through another frontier and make environmentally friendly electric engines which can work in ordinary road cars."



Donald Campbell in 1962, in an earlier Bluebird

picks English don to be chief

By Paul Wilkinson

AN ENGLISH professor has been chosen as the chief of an African village in recognition of the good works he has carried out for its people.

John Knapton, 48, a structural engineering specialist at Newcastle University, will be carried shoulder-high through Ekumfi-Atakwa in Ghana at his investiture on September 5. He will be expected to wear full tribal regalia and will be presented with a shepherd's crook, a symbol of his role as the village guardian.

His grateful subjects have already sent him his ceremonial seat, a carved wooden stool, which has pride of place in the living room of his home at Whitley Bay on Tyneside.

Professor Knapton, who is married and whose son and daughter are students at Newcastle, said yesterday: "It is a tremendous honour and l am extremely grateful, but I have to admit that it has come as something of a shock. They



Professor Knapton: will

will also give me six acres of land, which I am told is rich in gold deposits, but the draw-back is that the land is also infested with crocodiles, so I don't expect to go out prospecting for fear of being eaten alive."

The title marks the help that Professor Knapton has given over the past two years to the coastal village 60 miles from the capital, Accra. He first heard of Ekumfi-Atakwa almost 20 years ago through Kwesi Andam, a villager and former student who kept in

Professor Knapton has visited Ghana several times but saw the village only two years ago. He was appalled by the lack of education; only half the children could afford schooling. He asked the Ghanian Government the cost of educating the remaining 60 until school-leaving age and raised the modest £200 within

He said: "Another problem was that many didn't speak English and therefore cannot trade their crops effectively. We raised money to buy 72 clockwork radios so that they could listen to English teaching programmes.

Because we raised the money to send extra children to school, the facilities have to be improved. So this year a dozen of our second-year civil engineers will build an improved school and library complex standards." to ·

Helper thought tourist was talking Torquay

THE view along the coast did not look much like Istanbul. but it was night so Kumiko Tsuchida did not immediately realise her mistake (Neil Graves writes). It was left to the police to explain to the confused Japanese tourist that she was not in Turkey.

and bounds

She was in Torquay.

Mrs Tsuchida, 40, does not speak much English. She had been visiting London, and was taking the train to Heath-row for a flight to Turkey when she took her wrong

turn. A police spokesman said: "When she got to Reading, she apparently asked directions and whoever it was misheard her. They put her on the 8.15 train to Torquay. arriving shortly before midnight."

Police at the Devon resort found her at 2am: "She believed she was in Turkey. She thought she had been through the Channel tunnel." Mrs Tsuchida was later put on a train back to Reading, where she was guided to Heathrow.

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BUSINESS JUST GOT AN EDGE.



Trawlermen spot catch in quota-hopping accord

capacity.

BLAIR yesterday hailed an agreement with the European Commission as an important first step towards ending the dispute on fishing

British ministers announced that the European Commission had backed proposals to force fishing boat owners to prove they were contributing substantial economic benefits" to the country where they are registered. The Government also argued that the Commission's backing opened the way for Britain to intro-duce changes to fishing licences, although industry leaders doubted such a step could be taken unilaterally.

The move is intended to set in place further negotiations over rule changes that would force vessels to land more than half their catch in the country of registration, or to have a majority of their crew resident

The plans, agreed between Mr Blair and Jacques Santer, the Commission President, are aimed mainly at stopping Spanish-owned fishing fleets registered in the UK landing their catches in Spain. However, if implemented, such restrictions would curb British FISHING DEAL

vessels that fish overseas and bring catches back to Britain.

Despite British ministers' claims of a breakthrough. "hugely disappointed", criticising the proposals as having little practical effect as they were not binding on member

Bob Allan, chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, said: "There must remain doubt whether even this limited agreement is legally watertight. The crucial element that is missing is any test of ownership, namely a requirement that there should be a minimum percentage of British nationals among the owners of these vessels. A spokesman for the Nat-

ional Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, representing trawlermen in England and Wales, said the deal would achieve little: "It may inconvenience some of quota-hopper vessels, maybe increase their costs, but it certainly will not remove them from the register."

There are 160 foreign-

owned vessels that (quite le-

convenience so they can take catches from the fish quota allocated to the British trawler fleet. Because of their size, quota-hoppers account for about 25 per cent of the tonnage, and hence catching

If quota-hoppers are forced to land at least half their catch in Britain, there would be some benefit to the local economy if fish were processed here. But trawlermen's representatives said that was unlikely. Mike Townsend. chief executive of the Cornish Fish Producers' Organisation, said: "The fish will be unloaded into refrigerated trucks and taken by road and

The fishing industry had wanted a protocol added to the Treaty of Rome that would have enabled Britain to ban quota-hopping by insisting on majority British ownership of licensed fishing vessels. In-stead, Mr Blair has won a more limited deal based on an exchange of letters with Mr Santer which may be open to legal challenge by Spain.

intention" would pave the way for "constructive dialogue with European ministers. Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture have agreed a way forward with the Commission, we are in a much better position to avoid legal challenge to the

However, Tony Baldry, Shadow Fisheries Minister, branded the deal a "compre-hensive sell-out", accusing the Government of betraying British fishermen in a "black day" for the industry. Mr Blair returned to the

Commons to claim that Brit-

ain's Amsterdam summit ob-

jectives were "fully achieved. We have proved to the people of Britain that we can get a better deal by being constructive and we have proved to Europe that Britain can be a leading player."

John Major condemned much of the negotiations as botched and incomplete" and

told Mr Blair: "What you have

reported is not a triumph but a

Jack Straw, page 22 Leading article, page 23



Major unpicks the emperor's clothes

MATTHEW PARRIS

Daddy Ashdown put it best. In a tribute at Prime Minister's Questions to John Major, whose described him as privately
"unfailingly straight" and
went on to suggest that he was
the only Leader who might have kept the Conservative Party together. Major smiled.

POLITICAL SKETCH Their laughter was rueful, and the more so because. moments earlier. Major had been knocking the Prime

asked Tony Blair to rule out

any curtailment of pensioners' rights to free prescriptions, or any charges for hospital beds. Blair failed to do so, explaining that a full-scale review was under way and "of

course, once you start ruling out things ... Tories jeered.

The Prime Minister then re-

turned to what has become a

familiar refrain when he is

Tories left behind". He then offered a short sermon on the need for value for money. "I'm tempted to ask whether anyone in the House has the faintest idea what any of that nonsense may mean," re-

torted Major, and repeated his question. "Yes or no?" Blair launched another attack on the Tories' health record, and added that this was "an open-ended review" and the Official Opposition

had a cheek asking a question

about health at all. Major asked it again. Blair attacked the Tories' record again. Then he began a series of rhetorical enquiries — 'WHO was it who introduced charges for eye-tests? WHO was it who ...?" — to which the Labour benches chorused "THEY did!"

It was like the heyday of Margaret Thatcher. Within three sessions, we are right back to the good old screaming matches and "negative" politics which Blair had sworn to sween away. Major asked his question again, received no reply, and

soundbite about Blair's earlier appeal to "trust me". In fact the Prime Minister had a point, and Major knew it. It is a slippery slope to start ruling out options before a review is complete. Failing to

rule something out is not the

same as ruling it in. But

after seven years as their target, Major was savouring the pleasure of taking aim himself. Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, whose remarks had triggered this row. grinned and nodded whenever Blair spoke — the only man on the Government front bench seemingly unaware that it is he, not pensioners' free prescriptions, who is for

Major enjoyed himself again, minutes later, after the Prime Minister had reported on the results of the Amsterdam summit. Blair was doing what he does best: describing in the broadest terms, with grand and confident sweep. the distant horizon. Major did what he does best examining every stitch of the victor's robes, observing a buttor missing here, a hem left untrimmed there, a potentially disastrous unfinished seam down the seat of the pants.

fter Blair sat down, we felt sure he had re-(Laturned in triumph. After Major sat down, we wondered how secure that

triumph might be.
As Major fired detailed question after question at the PM. Blair became unable to keep up, scribbling notes and scrabbling through pieces of paper in preparation for his reply. We knew that he was rattled by the appearance, twice, in his answers by "the fact of the matter is ...

Along with "if I may say so" this is one of the Prime Minister's favourites. We have often heard from him "the fact is ..." Early yesterfrom Major, to "the fact of the matter is ... " Finally, under further pressure from Major, he splittered "the plain fact of

the matter is ... When Tony Blair says "If I plain fact of the matter is ... citizens are advised to panic and flee the country.

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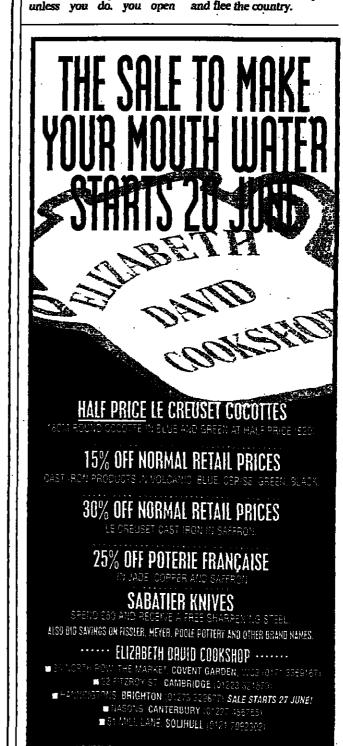
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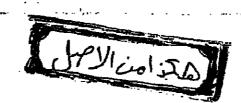
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FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN AMSTERDAM

THE new Treaty of Amsterdam was greeted across Europe yesterday as a meagre achievement that exposed the disarray among the 15 member states but was notable for concessions that brought London closer to the mainstream of European Union business.

While Britain won an optout over borders and resisted moves to give the European Union defence powers, its entry into the social chapter was widely welcomed. A special arrangement is being worked out to enable Britain to join in law-making under the chapter before it officially accedes in about 18 months.

EU officials admired Tony Blair's enthusiasm for negotiation and were delighted that he had accepted a new "flexibility" system in the treaty. This is an arrangement for a multi-speed EU in which actions could be launched by majority voting and not directly subject to any veto. Mr Blair was given assurances that states would be given the means to block joint moves, but some uncertainty yesterday surrounded the extent of the guarantee that he had

The deal includes incorporation of the so-called "Luxembourg compromise" into the flexibility arrangement. The compromise is an understanding that stems from the early days of the EU, never formalised and rarely used, which allows states to block a decision on the ground of supreme national interest.

As Dutch officials tried yesterday to piece together a text from the small hours' endgame in Amsterdam, they said it was not clear whether the effective veto would apply to



Aznar: compromise after Blair mediation

ANALYSIS

all areas or merely foreign and security policy.

Mr Blair impressed fellow leaders by intervening to mediate in disputes among others. When Spain dug in its heels over plans for majority voting, he went with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, to a separate room to persuade the Spanish leader to compromise. "We would never have seen John Major do that," said a German diplomat.

However, Mr Blair's claim of a separate accord with the European Commission to curb quota-hopping by foreign fishing vessels raised eyebrows. The deal was dismissed by Spanish officials as meaningless. Commission officials were annoyed that London had depicted the exchange of letters as an agreement.

Denmark hailed the stronger rules on the environment, for example, and France trumpeted the "employment chap-ter" and a parallel declaration that enshrines job creation as an EU priority.

The main failure was the

abandonment of the attempt to rebalance voting weights and revamp the Commission. This means that the issue must be reopened when the Union is already negotiating with its first batch of likely new members. Cyprus and candidates from the former Communist bloc are due to start entry talks in January.

Herr Kohl, who played an unusually negative role at the summit and blocked several moves to deeper integration, called the result a reasonable compromise: "You could not expect everyone to manage to impose his ideal on Europe."

France, which spent much of the time in dispute with Germany over monetary rules and moves to integrate immigration and asylum rules, spoke openly of the breakdown of the Bonn-Paris tandem that has always driven

"Germany is having prob-lems it did not have before." said Hubert Védrine, the Foreign Minister. France is evolving. It has its problems and its social demands, its political situation." he



Helmut Kohl arrives at his weekly Cabinet meeting in Bonn yesterday. He has decided to abandon any kind of defensive campaign tactics over the euro

Kohl stakes election hopes on the euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

elmut Kohl, the German Chancelior, has decided to make the euro a central part of his reelection campaign next year despite the persistently strong popular opposition to abanoning the mark.

The German leader let slip his decision in a meeting with a group of German journalists at the Amsterdam summit and left his party managers

So far the focus of Christian Democratic strategy in the long run-up to the elections in September next year has been how to save the country's governing coalition in the face of a hostile electorate, how to win despite the euro, rather than because of it.

Yesterday opinion surveys indicated that 60.7 per cent of Germans do not believe the euro will bring economic stability to Germany, and 64.4 per cent say their savings will lose value.

But the Chancellor has decided to go on the offensive, partly to exploit the divisions in the Social Democratic opposition.

The Social Democratic leaders are split: Oskar Lafontaine, the chairman, wants the euro to start on time, if necessary with a flexible reading of the Maastricht criteria, but Gerhard Schröder, the Lower Saxony Prime Minister, favours delaying economic and monetary union if the "target deficit" of not more than 3 per cent of gross domestic product is not met precisely.

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Herr Kohl's aim is also to flush out leading members of his Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union, who in the guise of campaigning for a hard euro are quietly undermining both the project and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister and CSU chairman.

The fact is the euro would almost certainly have dominated the campaign anyway the choice of who takes part in EMU is made in the spring, the election is in September -and so Herr Kohl has decided to abandon any kind of defen-In practical terms that will

mean two things: that the Chancellor will do all in his power to establish the probity of Germany's efforts to meet the EMU fiscal targets and that he probably will plead for a start-up with a few countries because there is deep German opposition to early Italian participation in the single

Certainly, there seems suddealy to be some confidence in Bonn that Germany can indeed come close to meeting the 3 per cent target. The misconceived plan to revalue German gold has been shelved - though only until next year - and talks will he held this week between Herr Waigel and the Bundesbank on revaluing currency

The central bank has hinted that the profits from such a revaluation could, unlike the

gold, be used to help Germany's budget problems this year. Franz-Christoph Zeitler, a Bundesbank council member, while not directly addressing the question of reserves, gave an unusually upbeat assessment yesterday of Germany's chances of hitting the target. "I remain of the opinion that there is a good and realistic chance that Germany will meet the 3 per cent goal; the target has an important function for the credibility of the euro," he

Members of the government coalition met again yesterday to try to reach a common position on reforming the tax system. Even these talks, bursting with spoken and unspoken threats over the past fortnight, have calmed down and have an optimistic

The Chancellor naturally has claimed the Am-L sterdam summit as a success, and the German press has cautiously accepted his verdict. "The European Union lives, although it has breathing problems." the Bonn General Anzeiger said. Anglo-German co-operation on employment was

praised. But the general tone of politicians and pundits was that Amsterdam demonstrated the inherent sluggishness of the process of European integration and the political class seemed to agree that a Maastricht Three and a Maastricht Four conference would be necessary.

Oppressive nations can lose votes

THE main points of the new Treaty of Amsterdam are: ☐ Freedom, Security, Justice: The treaty allows the EU to suspend the voting rights of any country which per-sistently violates these basic freedoms.

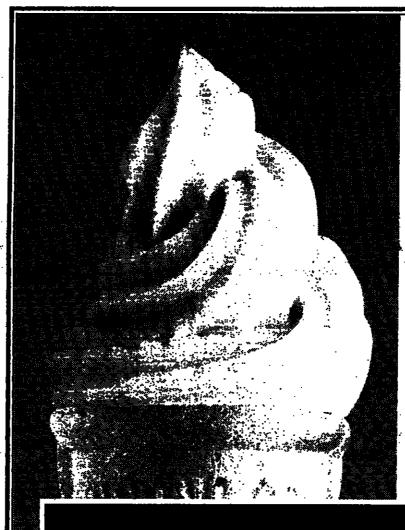
 \square The Union and the citizen: An employment chapter is included in the treaty. The aim is for the Council of Ministers to produce a "co-ordinated strategy for employment". The social chapter will be integrated into the treaty. ☐ An effective common for-

eign and security policy: Common strategies will b defined by unanimous decision on such issues. ☐ The institutions of the Union: The leaders failed

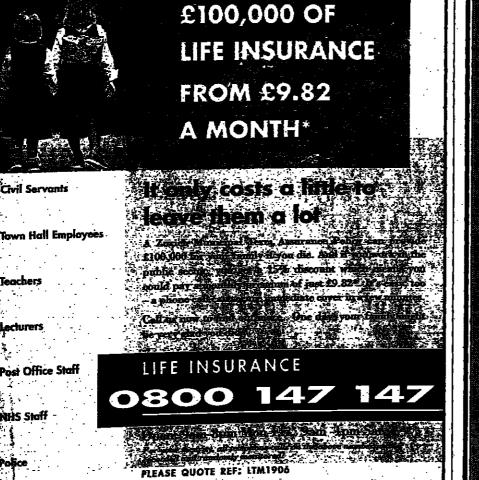
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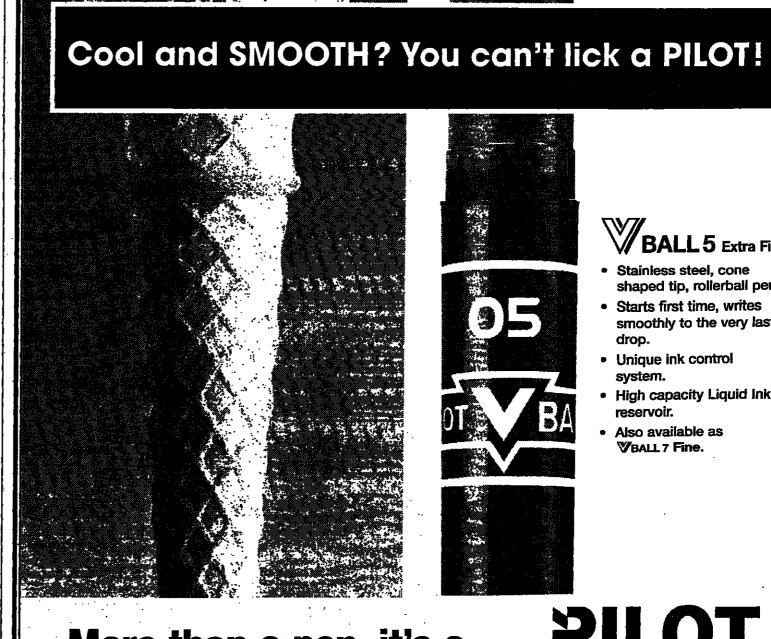
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than 600 arrests in a two-day hunt for child pornographers that ended yesterday. Dawn raids were made on more than 800 homes

Among those arrested were two priests, a dozen teachers and the director of a children's holiday camp, police said. The operation also uncovered seven cases of rape involving up to a dozen children.

Yesterday 181 people were placed under formal investigation for the possession of images involving the corruption of minors under 15. Investigators targeted the

homes of customers suspected

of receiving paedophile videos by mail order from a company based in Macon, about 50 miles north of Lyons. Police said they had seized thousands of pornographic videos - 307 of them involved children. Jean-Louis Coste, the state prosecutor who oversaw the swoop, said that one of the videos showed the rape of five boys by one of the men detained, who had apparently also shot the video. Another video showed sexual acts be-

tween children and animals. According to M Coste, the children shown in the films were mainly young boys aged between 13 and 15. Many of the videos had been bought by the company outside France, mostly in Spain and Poland and had then been copied for resale. More than 400 documents, including photographs, magazines and

FRENCH police made more advertisements were also removed as evidence by police looking for valuable leads.

The massive operation, codenamed "Ado 71" after the French word for teenager and the car registration number for the Macon region, was the result of 14 months of painstaking detective work. Two and a half thousand gendarmes took part in the operation, fanning out across mainland France, as well as the French islands of Marti-nique and Guadeloupe, to search the homes of the 814 people whose names appeared on the Macon firm's mailing lists. M Coste said the justice system had wanted "to kick

the ants' nest" of paedophiles. The crackdown coincides with France's first major paedophilia trial, the result of a similar operation in April 1996; 72 Frenchmen are ac-

Guigou: will review

suspected of molesting pupils. In ten years the number of recorded cases of incest and child rape has multiplied sixfold in France, while sentences for indecent assault of minors rose by 65 per cent between 1984 and 1993

cused of organising or sub-scribing to the Toro Bravo

network, which imported por-

nographic films involving

boys from Colombia. The main defendants, Miguel

Caignet, 42, a former neo-Nazi

militant, accused of promoting

the cassettes in pornographic

magazines, and Michel Meignez, 42, charged with

their distribution, claim they

thought the boys were over 18.

tice Minister, said yesterday

she would review the laws on paedophilia. While refusing

to make statements on such a

serious issue", she believed the

judicial system had what was

President Chirac pledged last month to introduce new

measures to protect children

from "depravity" after six

incidents involving teachers

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Elisabeth Guigou, the Jus-

The trial of eight suspected paedophiles opens today in Calais. The men are charged with the rape of 15 minors aged 15. Under French law they could get 20 years in prison. If those arrested this week are found guilty of being in possession of child pornography they could receive up to ten years in prison and a Fr1,0000 (£100,000) fine.



Supporters in Berat hail Albania's Socialist leader, Fatos Nano, who was yesterday threatened by gunmen, at an election campaign rally. Growing violence led Bashkim Fino, the Prime Minister, to call for tours to end

Thousands mourn Russian poet

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

TENS of thousands of mourners braved rain and whipping winds yesterday to queue for hours to pay their last respects to Bulat Okudzhava, the poet and singer who inspired generations of Russians from the

1960s onward. Okudzhava died last week in Paris after suffering an attack of pneumonia. He was 73. Yesterday his body lay in

state, surrounded by a great heap of roses, carnations and lilies, on the stage of the Vakhtangov theatre on the Arbat, the Moscow street that was a theme of his songs. Wreaths from prominent public figures, including President Yeltsin, were stacked at the

back of the stage.
In place of the solemn dirges routinely piped out on such occasions, Okudzhava's voice played in the background, ment, singing many of the songs for which he will be

His widow, Olga, sat with friends and family at the side of the stage, her eyes fixed on the face of her husband in the raised open coffin, apparently oblivious to the line of people shuffling slowly past, stooping in turn to add more flowers to the pile. The auditorium was packed with admirers, sitting

stretched hundreds of yards. five and six people abreast. along the Arbat. Four hours later, when the ceremony had been due to end, the queue was as long as ever.

"He was our youth and our conscience," said Pyotr Lazurev, a pensioner who saw Okudzhava perform in the 1960s. "He is a vital link to our past life and in these times it is Erbakan quits in move to outflank military

FROM ANDREW FINKE

NECMETTIN ERBAKAN, the first pro-Islamic Turkish Prime Minister, submitted his resignation yesterday as part of a plan to outmanoeuvre the

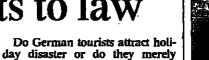
country's military.

Mr Erbakan will now try to persuade President Demirel to hand the premiership to Tansu Ciller, leader of the junior coalition partner. Mrs Ciller has promised to lead the country to an early poll. Mr Erbakan has said that such an election will be a referendum on the military's attempt to brand his Welfare Party as Islamic fundamentalist

Many commentators pre dict that an early poll would give Welfare a greater share of the vote than the 21 per cent they received in the December 1995 election. The military entered the political fray in February when they insisted that the Government take tough measures to stop what they described as the country's drift from its pro-Western and pro-secular orientation.

The Government's failure to do so has increased the military's irritation.

It now remains up to Mr Demirel to decide whether to mandate Mrs Ciller to form a new Cabinet and thereby risk more confrontation with the military. Turkey's Constitution make no provision for swapping prime ministers and some jurists argue that Mr Demirel would be within his rights to ask Mesut Yilmaz, leader of the Opposition, to do the job.



drawn from Job: mice found nesting in clothes, wild street cats jumping through windows, hurricanes, rude waiters, robbed hotel salmonella epidemics.

Ciller: has promised

Cockroaches and Swiss music drive German tourists to law

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

A FAWLTY TOWERS world of cockroaches, cold breakfasts and marching columns of ants is conjured up by a new report outlining the many reasons for which disappointed German holidaymakers can sue their tour operator.

The report, issued by the Adac motorists' organisation yesterday. is entitled Decisions in Travel Law,

man tourists are notoriously litigious, forcing their travel companies to have some of the most honest catalogues in the world. Some tourists set out on holiday determined to find fault and thus win a rebate; this report is a gift for the critical traveller.

"The traveller can claim a 100 per cent rebate if ten cockroaches can be found within a square yard of his or her hotel room after the light has been switched on," a Frankfurt but it could equally have been court concluded. "Since cockroach-called "Holidays from Hell". Geres are afraid of the light it can safely

be assumed that the actual cockroach density is much higher than ten. The mere presence of cockroaches can justify a 50 per cent reduction." In another case, the judges decided that troops of ants advancing up a bedpost qualified the guests for a 25 per cent rebate.

The tourist should not overlook, however, a ruling by the regional court in Hanover: "A small insect found in a large pot of soup is not in itself sufficient for compensation since after the insect has been removed the soup can still be enjoy-

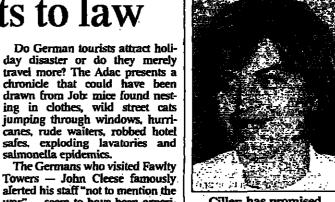
ed." Dogs that bark in the night can lead to a 27.5 per cent rebate for a sleepless tourist, according to a Frankfurt verdict reported by Adac. Tour operators can be sued if their four-star hotels have dirty swimming pool lavatories. If the door to a hotel lavatory cannot be closed. the German tourist can expect a 2 per cent reduction in price.

Germans are Europe's most enthusiastic tourists, but the country's courts seem to spend a great deal of the lack of pumpernickel bread in travellers to sue the travel company.

Caribbean hotels, sexual harassment on the beach ("sexual approaches on a public beach do not represent a failure of the tour operator": Frankfurt regional court) and claims reflecting ignorance about foreign cultures.

It is impossible not to feel sorry for the Germans who booked a luxury Caribbean cruise with the promise of nightly entertainment only to find that the amusement was a Swiss folklore group. The time fending off complaints about court sympathised and allowed the safes, exploding lavatories and The Germans who visited Fawlty

Towers — John Cleese famously alerted his staff "not to mention the war" - seem to have been experiencing a rather average holiday.



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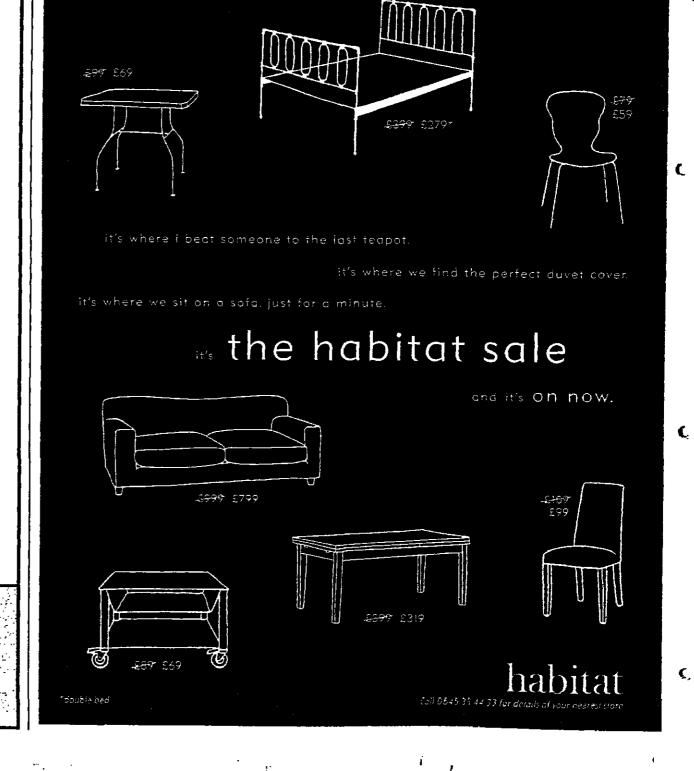
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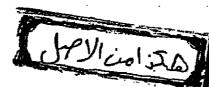
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Pol Pot 'surrenders' to Khmer Rouge rivals

POL POT, who ranks with Hitler and Stalin as one of the most brutal figures of the 20th century, has surrendered to his former comrades, the Khmer Rouge radio reported last night.

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'Pol Pot came to confess," said the station, which is thought to broadcast from Khmer Rouge headquarters at Anlong Veng in northern Cambodia. The darkness of the brutal regime which hung over Cambodia between 1975 and 1979 has ended," it added. The new regime has started. The people can now live peacefully."

The announcement was

described as a special declaration of the National Solidarity Party, the organisation set up by Khieu Samphan, the nominal leader of the Khmer Rouge, who in the past has always been a front man for Pol Pot. The radio repeated the message endlessly, and there was no further information.

There was no independent confirmation that Pol Pot had indeed surrendered or even that he was still alive. And there was no word of Khieu



Pol Por scepticism remains about his fate

Samphan, who had reportedly been Pol Por's hostage since he broke with his comrades last week, or of Christopher Howes, a British mine-clearer, who was also said to be a Pol Pot hostage.

In a first reaction to the surrender, Lee Samith, 29, a Cambodian marketing executive, said here: "The Cambodian people suffered so much under Pol Pot that they will rejoice at this news. If he came to Phnom

Penh to stand trial, that would be even better. But I wonder if that will ever happen because years ago King Norodom Si-hanouk reported that Khieu had died, but he lived to work with Pol Pot to bring us the killing fields, in which all Cambodians lost loved ones."

There was a sense in Phnom Penh that Pol Pot would never stand trial for crimes against humanity, even though Prince Norodom Ranariddh, head of the royalist Funcinpec party. said on Monday that he would be handed over to an international tribunal if captured. But Prince Ranariddh, the

First Co-Prime Minister, also stressed "how ill, how sick" Pol Pot is from various jungle diseases such as malaria. Yet diplomats here said too many people have a vested interest in seeing that Pol Pot does not face justice. "It seems to me the whole thing has been orchestrated," said one Western ambassdador here last night. "It all just sounds too pat. They have stressed earlier how ill he is, and I think he may not survive the trip back

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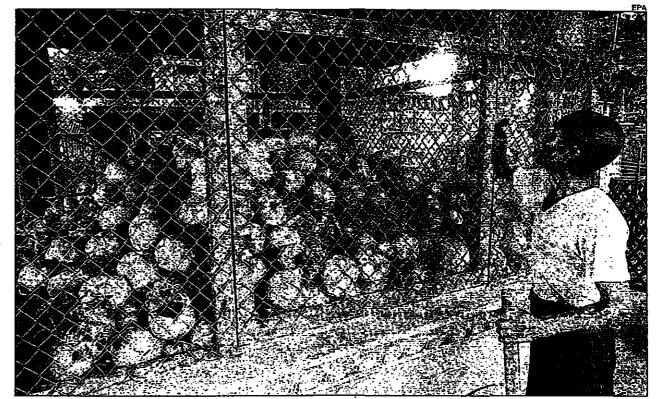
to Phnom Penh."

Pol Pot ruled Cambodia for nearly four harsh years durng a revolution that became a byword for wanton killing and deprivation.

The present Government in Phnom Penh has pardoned other leaders of the fanatical Maoist group whose theories were born during years of study on the Left Bank in Paris, but the Government has emphasised that there can be no reconciliation with Pol Pot, whom King Sihanouk has called one of "the biggest criminals in the history of Cambodia".

The state Pol Pot created was extreme even by the standards of China's Mao Zedong from whom - along with the French philosophe Jean-Jacques Rousseau - Pol Pot drew his ideas. He modelled his bizarre philosophy on Mao's disastrous 1958-59 Great Leap Forward, and called the Cambodian Revolution the "Super Great Leap

people evacuated from the cities in 1975 had to labour in the fields from before dawn until late at night.



A repository of skulls and bones, victims of the Khmer Rouge, who killed more than one million people

If people showed signs of slacking, the brutal young Khmer Rouge soldiers would tell them: "To keep you is no gain, to destroy you is no loss." Sexual licence was dealt with by death sentence carried out, to save bullets, with a blow to the back of the head with a hoe. However, Khmer

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Rouge cadres got their pick of young girls. Born Saloth Sar on May 19,

1928, Pol Pot led a Cambodian peasant army to victory against the corrupt Americanbacked Lon Nol republic in 1975, or Year Zero as the Khmer Rouge called it. They intended to overcome the chronic imbalance in wealth between city and country by driving the city people back into the fields to cultivate paddy fields destroyed during the years of war.

Pol Pot's guerrillas emptied Phnom Penh at gunpoint, forcing the sick from their beds. Women, children and the old were ordered into the countryside and put to work in vast labour camps. More than one million people were executed as enemies of Pol Pot's utopian revolution, or died of disease, starvation and overwork until the Vietnamese drove the Khmer Rouge from

Aboriginal row mars London trip

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN SYDNEY

JOHN HOWARD, the Australian Prime Minister, begins talks with Tony Blair today amid at home and abroad over his refusal to offer a formal apology for the forcible removal of Aboriginal children from their mothers and placement with white foster parents earlier this century.

Mr Howard, who arrived yesterday for a six-day visit to Britain, made clear before leaving that he did not expect the issue to come up in talks with Mr Blair or during his visit next week to President Clinton. In an interview published in The Times today, he said it was "not appropriate" to ask one generation to accept responsibility for the past wrongs of another. Clearly things were done at a time and in an age which were thought to have been justified."

Nevertheless, Bob Carr, the New South Wales Premier. vesterday offered an unreserved apology and asked Aboriginal groups to offer ideas for a memorial to acknowledge the grief.

☐ Canberra: Republicans who want to remove the Queen as head of state said they would boycott a government-backed constitutional convention on the issue. (AP)

Moderate quits Israeli Cabinet

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Government was rocked yesterday by the resig-nation of Dan Meridor, the Finance Minister. Ostensibly, Mr Meridor quit in a row over monetary reform, but in reality his exit was over the style of the Israeli administration.

Friends of Mr Meridor, a long-time rival of Binyamin Netanyahu within the Likud Party, accused the Prime Minister and his close allies of creating an artificial crisis designed to force out the Finance Minister. After handing in his resignation -which takes 48 hours to come into effect - Mr Meridor said he would quit the Likud if Mr Netanyahu remained its candidate for Prime Minister at the next election in 2000.

Independent commentators said Mr Meridor's departure would reduce the Likud's electoral appeal, as he was the one leading figure able to attract floating voters put off by the Likud's hardline rightwing ideology on the peace issue

Mr Meridor is the second minister to quit the Cabinet because of disagreements with Mr Netanyahu. The first was Benny Begin, the Science Minister and son of Menachem Begin, the former Prime Minister.

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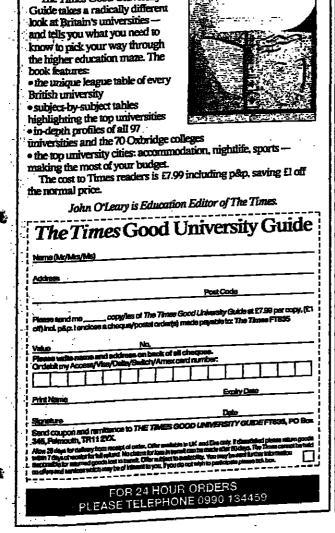


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Suspect in CIA shooting remanded in custody

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

MIR AIMAL KANSI, the alleged gunman in a shooting spree outside the CIA head-quarters in which two agency employees died, was detained without bail yesterday until a June 27 hearing, after an intensive manhunt trapped him in the mountainous borders of Afghanistan.

The Pakistani, who eluded covert intelligence operations for more than four years, has been charged with the murders of the two CIA men and the malicious wounding of three other employees outside the spy agency's centre at Langley, Virginia, in 1903.

the spy agency's centre at Langley. Virginia, in 1903.

Mr Kansi, 33, is alleged to have mounted the anack during rush hour as the CIA workforce was entering the hottleneck leading to the gates. The gunman pulled out an AK47 rifle and began calmly to strafe the windows of cars as they passed.

His first victim was Frank Darling, 28, a CIA communications officer who was sitting in a Volkswagen with his wife in the passenger seat. Mr Kansi allegedly fired at least 70 rounds as he moved down the line of cars, also killing Lansing Bennett, 66, an intelligence analyst, and wounding

In the panic that followed. Mr Kansi allegedly drove away and fled the country. Wearing green overalls in a courtroom in Fairfax, Virginia, yesterday, the bearded defendant, who had been placed on the FBI's list of ten most wanted fugitives and had a \$2 million (£1.22 million) reward on his head, was asked if he had a lawyer. "I don't

have money for one."

President Clinton, who personally approved the final covert action to apprehend Mr Kansi, last night praised the FBI, CIA and other intelli-

have one," he replied, "I don't

gence agencies for his capture.

"This success demonstrates the we are determined to do what is necessary to track down terrorists and bring them to justice," the President said.

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Earlier attempts to arrest Mr Kansi in his native prov-



Mir Aimal Kansi, right, the alleged CIA headquarters killer, arrives at court with a law enforcement officer

ince of Baluchistan, the rugged triangle where Pakistan. Afghanistan and Iran meet, had failed to penetrate local tribal connections and his family's apparently close links to the Pakistani Government in Islamahad

Pakistan on numerous occasions had refused to help the Americans, but in the end it appeared that word of the rich reward for his capture may have reached a tribal leader in Afghanistan. The FBI said that he had been handed over by a group of "Afghan individuals".

Reports that the Pakistani Government may finally have co-operated would mark a significant shift in the region. An FBI team, including a

special hostage rescue unit. had flown to Afghanistan to pick him up.

Bomb charge: Hani Abdel Rahim Hussein al-Sayegh, a Saudi dissident who agreed to co-operate in the FBI investi-

Saudi dissident who agreed to co-operate in the FBI investigation of a bombing which killed 14 American airmen in Saudi Arabia last year, was yesterday charged with conspiracy to murder.



Claudia Kennedy, who was promoted this week as the first woman three-star general in the United States Army, says that she was sexually harassed during her career but points out that such treatment is not confined to women

US seeks to cut cost of arsenal

By TOM RHODES

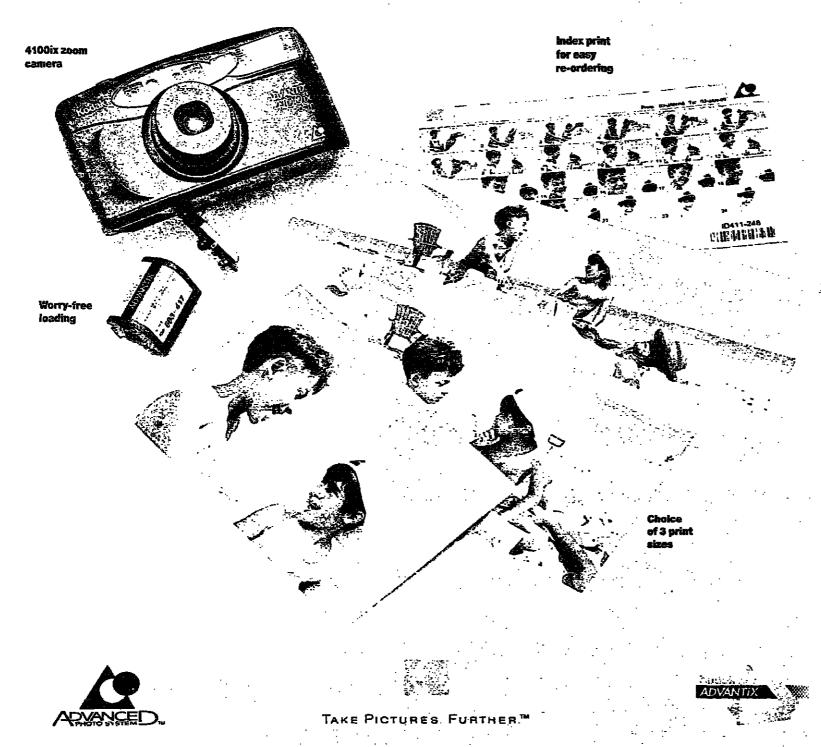
AMERICA is planning to lower the cost of its strategic arsenal. Under one Pentagon option, military chiefs would cut deployed ballistic missile submarine numbers and increase the warhead count in cheaper land-based silos and on strategic bombers.

The idea is to lessen the estimated \$10 billion (£6 billion) cost of maintaining America's stockpile of 10,000 nuclear weapons between next year and 2003. Both Congress and the National Academy of Sciences, America's leading scientific advisory body, have urged the Clinton Administration both to cut costs and enhance national security.

But the Joint Chiefs of Staff remain reluctant to surrender an arsenal that has formed the hackbone of America's defence for 50 years. Last year, to hasten multilateral disarmament, the Administration said it would not reduce its nuclear stockpile until the Russian parliament ratified the 1903 Start 2 treaty. But the Duma, dissatisfied with the proposed Nato expansion, is unlikely to take such action in the near future.

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Republicans move to block military burial for McVeigh

By Tom Rhodes

LESS than a week after Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing, a group of Republicans is fighting to ensure that the former Gulf War veteran is not granted a hero's burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

officials at the cemetery say that under service burial regulations McVeigh. 29, could be entombed in a monument at Arlington or interred at any other military cemetery that had available space.

"There is no provision to bar convicted felons who are veterans from burial in military cemeteries." said John Metzler, the superintendent at Arlington, site of the Tomb of the Unknowns and the graves of Presidents Kennedy and

McVeigh has been sentenced to death by lethal injection at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana, after his trial in Denver.

Appeals against his sentence and conviction for the

Appeals against his sentence and conviction for the worst act of terrorism on American soil, which killed 168 adults and children two years ago, could take more than three years.

Regulations deny military burials for honourably discharged veterans convicted of spying, treason, advocating the overthrow of the government or possession of nuclear weapons.

But McVeigh, who was awarded a Bronze Star in the Gulf conflict, has been convicted of crimes which are not listed under the law.

Republicans on Capitol Hill believe this louphole may mean the Oklahoma bomber is entitled to a full military funeral with a firing party, body bearers, a chaplain and an American flag.

Spencer Bachus of Alabama and Joe Knollenberg of Michigan, both congressmen, are planning to introduce Bills that would prevent all veterans convicted of crimes punishable by death from receiving such finerals or being buried in any of the country's 114 veterans cemeteries.

Congress has for some time faced pressure from concerned veterans' groups to change the regulations. "We are opposed to any traitors or criminals convicted of terrorism or other crimes against the United States being buried in a government-run cemetery such as Arlington." said Robert Zweiman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans

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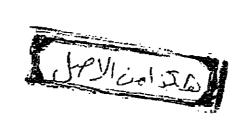
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North Korea warns US it is ready for final battle

By Robert Whymant

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The statement, virulent even

so keen to have a showdown".

by Pyongyang's bombastic standards, attacked a series of

South Korean military land-

ing exercises which showed

that Seoul and Washington

were preparing to attack while the country is beset by severe

believe it is high time they made a forestalling attack

since [North Korea] is tempo-

rarily suffering from repeated

natural disasters and numer-

ous soldiers are engaged in farming, "the spokesman said.

Japanese Defence Agency experts said this rare public

statement by the powerful military hinted at tensions and

paranoia in the Stalinist state

as its strongman, Kim Jong II.

faces his biggest test. The third

anniversary of the death of his

father, Kim II Sung, on July 8

marks the end of the tradition-

al mourning period and opens

the way for his son's formal

about an impending attack may be useful in diverting at-

tention from the North's real

economic problems," said a Defence Agency specialist on

☐ Seoul: South Korea played down the threat. An analyst said, while it was "unusual" for a North Korean military spokesman to issue such a

statement. "we don't think it will increase tensions. (AFP)

North Korea.

This sort of crisis talk

The enemies are thought to

food shortages.

NORTH KOREA issued a stark warning yesterday that it would wage the final battle" with the United States and South Korea which it accused of secretly planning for an imminent war.

In an unusually strong statement, the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces claimed that "enemies" were set to strike at North Korea while calling for peace talks on the divided Korean peninsula. At this moment when dark clouds of war are rushing toward our motherland and fighting is about to break out, our revolutionary armed forces cannot remain an onlooker, a ministry spokesman said. The statement was carried by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency.

He went on to say that North Korea "will not hesitate to fight the final battle with the



Kim: formal succession

Princess at Mother Teresa's bedside

DIANA, Princess of Wales. held private talks with Hillary Clinton at the White House yesterday and visited Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun, who lies critically ill in a Bronx hospital.

The difference between the formal rooms of the First Lady's quarters and the hospital run by the Missionaries of Charity in one of New York's most crime-ridden and impoverished districts could not have been more greater. The Princess, who last met

Mother Teresa in Rome in 1992, made the visit to the Bronx before a planned trip to New York on Monday fearing that her heroine might not survive the weekend. It came after a brief private meeting with Mrs Clinton which had been requested by the Princess while in Washington as part of her campaign for a worldwide ban on landmines.

In her role as roving ambassador for good causes, the Princess has been eager to court the rich and powerful in the American capital. The previous evening, she attended a gala hosted by Elizabeth Dole, president of the American Red Cross, to raise more than \$500,000 (£300,000) for landmine victims.



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Diana, Princess of Wales, at a gala benefit for landmine victims held at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington. She also visited Hillary Clinton at the White House as part of her campaign against landmines

Rushdie claims 'Indo-Anglian' as native tongue

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

SO-CALLED Indian-Engappears to have colonised literary New York.

Paying unprecedented hom-age to Indian literature, The New Yorker has published this to Indian fiction in English. The "India issue" of the maga-zine, edited by Tina Brown, features virtually every writer from the sub-continent who has made his or her mark on the English language.

Its centrepiece is a jaunty essay by Salman Rushdie, entitled Damme, This is the Oriental Scene for You!. In it Rushdie makes an argument that should ruffle more than a few feathers in the land of his birth. He writes: "The prose writing — both fiction and non-fiction — created since India's independence in 1947 by Indian writers working in English is proving to be a stronger and more important body of work than most of what has been produced in the 18 "recognised" languages of India, the so-called vernacular languages.

As India approaches the 50th anniversary of its independence on August 15 these views are likely to run counter to the current of nationalist sentiment and celebration. Few subjects excite as much polemic in the sub-continent as the role and place of English in free India. with many politicians still regarding the language as a colonial

Mr Rushdie continues: "This new 'Indo-Anglian' literature represents perhaps the most valuable contribution In-dia has yet made to the world of books." In a passage that will raise hackles from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, he states: "The true Indian litera-ture of frecent times] has been made in the language the

British left behind. The author of Afidnight's Children and The Satanic Verses also argues that English has undergone a process of assimilation in India that can be compared with the creation of Urdu in the loth and 17th centuries.

He says: "My own mother tongue. Urdu ... was the camp argot of the country's earlier Muslim conquerors . . forged from a combination of the conquerors' imported Farsi and the local languages they encountered. However, it became a naturalised language long ago; and by now that has happened to English. too. English has become an Indian language.'

In the "Comment" which opens the issue. Bill Buford, formerly of Granta, asks why there are so many Indian novelists. He concludes that it might be because Indians are at last finding "a voice".

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'Cats' pads on to a **Broadway record**

THE Andrew Lloyd Webber musical Cats today becomes the longest-running show in the history of Broadway, purring its way past A Chorus Line, which staged its last performance in April 1990.

Tonight's show of Cats will be the 6,138th time that the nassed ranks of Lord Lloyd-Webber's feline impersonators perform before a New audience, singing. mewling and wiggling their leotards into the record books.

The facts behind the facts, too. are staggering. Not many in the audience tonight will know this, but the musical has used 1,508,000ib of dry ice since it began playing in New

York 15 years ago. Intriguingly, Cats has also

ploughed its way through: 48,45i condoms, deployed to protect body microphones; 2,706lb of yak hair, used for the show's lurid wigs: 72 gallons of shampoo; 8,378 lipsticks; 18,603 eyeliner pencils, 2,250 gallons of glue, and 22,464 gallons of bleach.

Theatre usners have also had to dislodge 1921b of chewing gum, stuck to the bottom of seats. Cats, based on T.S. Eliot's

Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, has grossed \$329 million (£200 million) in New York. Macavity and his friends' success is no mystery to Clive Barnes, the British theatre critic who lives here. It is one of the few shows suitable for children.

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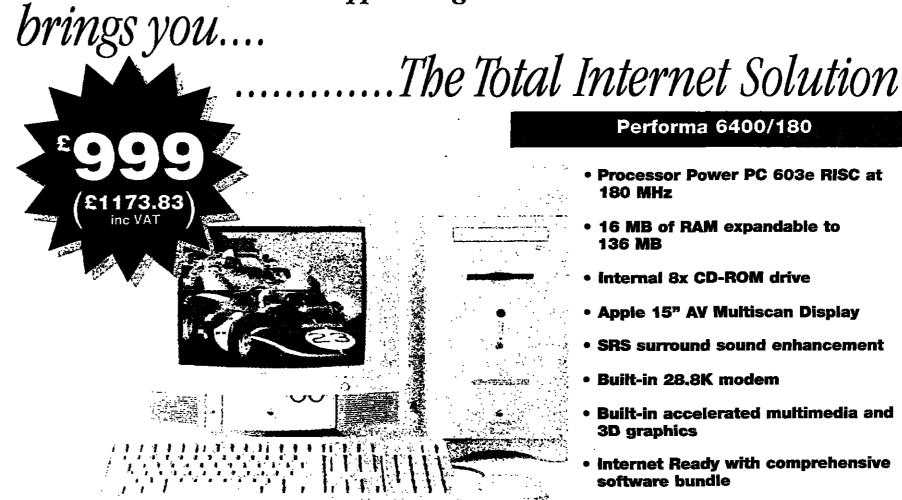
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How much

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WHILE wine merchants, vineyard owners and their cus-

tomers were tasting thousands of varieties of wine from all over

the world at the Bordeaux Wine Fair, doctors, scientists, politicians and lawyers had gathered in a

nearby hall to discuss what was

meant by a moderate consump-

The conference, organised by Alcohol in Moderation, also considered the size of a unit of alcohol, the standard drink. A unit

now varies from 6.3g of alcohol in Austria and 8g in the UK to 19.75g in Japan. These differences can be confusing and it

was suggested at the conference that the British unit of 8 g should be adopted internationally. The British Centre for Information on Beverage Control prepared a review for the gath-

ering on the officially recommended guidelines in 19 countries for safe drinking. It showed there were variations in what was considered safe. The French limits are the most liberal. The advice of medical experts

there is for male drinkers not to exceed a bottle of wine a day.

The average levels recom-

mended by the countries was the

equivalent of between three and

four British units of alcohol daily for men and half this for

women. This coincides with the

United States advice, which re-

commends that its men should

have three to four units and its

In Britain we recommend not

women just under two units daily.

and women half a bottle.



Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on the treatment of prostate gland problems; safe levels of alcohol consumption; the risk of strokes in elderly patients; and the pain that follows from spinal disease

The trouble that comes with old age

prostate trouble. Most men can tolerate thinning, greying hair, a scraggy neck and even a pot belly without feeling a loss of status. Impotence is unlikely to be widely advertised, but the man with an enlarging prostate suffers symptoms that are obvious to all who work or live with him.

A cup of tea or glass of beer too many can trigger an urgent rush to the lavatory. Occasionally the man may not make it and will leak before he gets there. The patient may also find it hard to start to pass water, or his stream may be slow. The man suffering from a benignly enlarged prostate also has troubles at

Discussion among doctors about the significance of PSA, prostatic specific antigen blood tests, and the best way to treat any newly detected cancer of the prostate, has lessened interest in the benign condition.

Virtually all men, if they live long enough, will suffer from some, or all, of the symptoms of an enlarging prostate. Benign prostatic hypertrophy is a normal part of the ageing process, but because of the social inconvenience it causes, and because it can cause medical complications, its treatment merits more consideration than is now being afforded.

Transurethral prostatic resection (Turps), surgical removal of the greater part of the prostate through the penis. remains a treatment of choice in most cases. The operation has its disadvantages and these, together with the possible alternative to surgery, have recently been reviewed in Monitor magazine by Dr Mike Kirby. Dr Kirby, a brother of Roger, who is a well known surgeon specialising in prostate operations, is a general practitioner with a particular interest in

There are few more depressing surgery in their stride. I visited one indications of male ageing than patient the day after his operation and was amazed to find him sitting up in bed conducting a board meeting with his fellow directors, who were grouped around him. In another instance, a colleague didn't want either other doctors or his patients to know that he was having surgery. I was pledged to secrecy and arranged for the operation to be performed on a Thursday. After a long weekend, he was back at work the following Tuesday.

But straightforward cases like these make it easy to forget that complications can occur. In Dr Kirby's survey, 14 per cent of operations were marred by complications, and 17 per cent of patients had problems immediately after surgery. During the three weeks following the operation, a third of the patients were incontinent, and a quarter suffered from a bladder infection. The operation nearly always resulted in retrograde ejaculation. which in many cases contributed to subsequent impotence. Within a year of prostate surgery, 28 per cent had died

following complications. These figures are depressing but it should be remembered that in many cases these patients were often elderly, but they treatment in selected cases.

Kirby also suggests that keeping a watchful eye on men with an enlarging prostate - the routine usually suggested — is not always a wise course of action. A fifth of patients with symptoms are eventually admitted to hospital for emergency treatment after developing acute urinary retention. In acute retention, the patient doesn't so much find it difficult to start to urinate, but finds that he is unable to pass more than a drop or urology. Most people take prostatic two. The bladder becomes overdistended



Methods of picking grapes may have changed but the effects of drinking too much wine continue to cause debate

more than four units a day for men, two for women. In Canada the advice to men and

Stroke risks for the elderly

and very painful and the doctor has to insert a catheter to relieve the situation. The alternative to surgery is taking pills, which will either reduce the size of the prostate or relax the muscles within it to improve urinary flow. The danger of acute retention can be lessened if patients are treated with proscar finasteride.
Finasteride is administered to patients

with mild to moderate symptoms due to benign causes. The prostate is, nevertheless, appreciably enlarged - roughly the size of a mandarin orange. Finasteride will shrink the gland by about a fifth, delaying surgery. For smaller glands, another group of drugs, alpha blockers. can provide immediate relief by relaxing the muscle tone in the prostate, which relieves any obstruction

Both groups of drugs have side effects. Finasteride reduces sexual drive and may cause enlargement of the breasts. Alpha blockers can result in very low blood pressure, palpitations and drowsiness. Sometimes their muscle-relaxing powers

ust before the second 1974 general election a politician, aged 80, was paid a routine visit by her doctor. The doctor noticed that her blood pressure was raised and prescribed standard hypotensive A recent metanalysis, a retreatment. The woman's blood view of 12 well-conducted ran-

pressure fell dramatically and that night she suffered an ischaemic stroke, the result of a clot obstructing a cerebral blood vessel rather than the result of a bleed into the brain. The politician's intelligence

was left unimpaired, her movements were undamaged and her faculties were intact, with the single exception that she was totally unable to read or write. She could follow the political situation only by television and had to phone rather than write to her constituents.

This case illustrates the very ocalised damage that can be suffered after a stroke and highlights the dilemma doctors experience when confronted with a raised blood pressure in an older person. The doctor needs to decide whether the increase in the incidence in ischaemic strokes will be more than balanced by the advantage of prolonging the life of someone who might

Hussein and a woman

The Kensington art

otherwise be in danger of death from a haemorrhagic stroke, one caused by a bleeding blood vessel. Both haemorrhagic strokes and heart attacks are closely associated with raised blood pressure.

domised controlled trials of the treatment of hypertension in the elderly. shows convincingly that the politician was unlucky. The survey, in Health Trends, demonstrates that there is a significant advantage to the patient in treating high blood pressure even if

they are old. A reduction in blood pressure of as little as 20mm hg (of mercury) in the systolic blood pressure, the upper of the two figures recorded by the doctor, and 10mm hg in the diastolic, the doctor's lower figure, reduced the likelihood of a stroke in aged patients by 36 per cent, and of a heart attack by 20 per cent. Mortality in those patients who were treated, most of whom were over 70, fell by 12 per cent.

In younger patients the treating of raised blood pressure and persuading patient to stop smoking have long been accepted as the most important ways to reduce the incidence of strokes. There are

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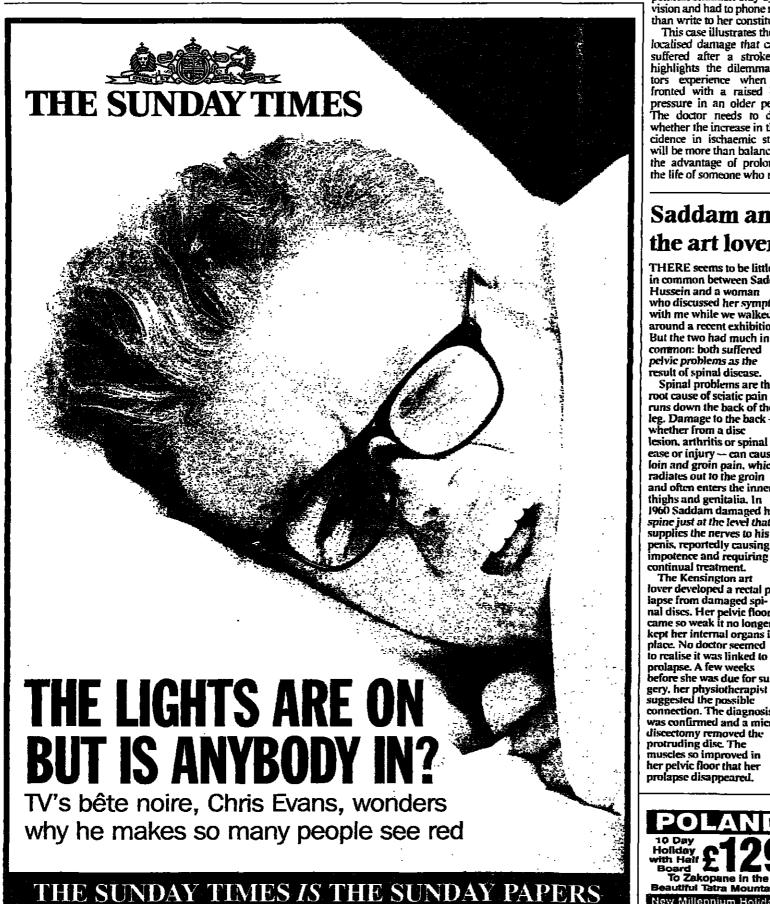
What is the best treatment for people after a first stroke?

to stroke prevention. The journal Stroke reports that in America a patient with high blood pressure is eight times more likely than a British patient to have had an ECG, a brain scan, and to be screened to exclude carotid artery disease which can lead to a stroke.

More American doctors prescribe warfarin for patients whose hearts are fibrillating, an irregularity of the heart that can result in strokes. In both countries the value of aspirin in preventing strokes is well recognised but the survey was carried out before Professor Charles Forbes of Dundee had announced at a conference in Amsterdam the results of the second European stroke prevention study. This study investigated the ways of preventing a second stroke either by taking aspirin — a small dose of 25mg twice a day — or a Persantin dipyridamole

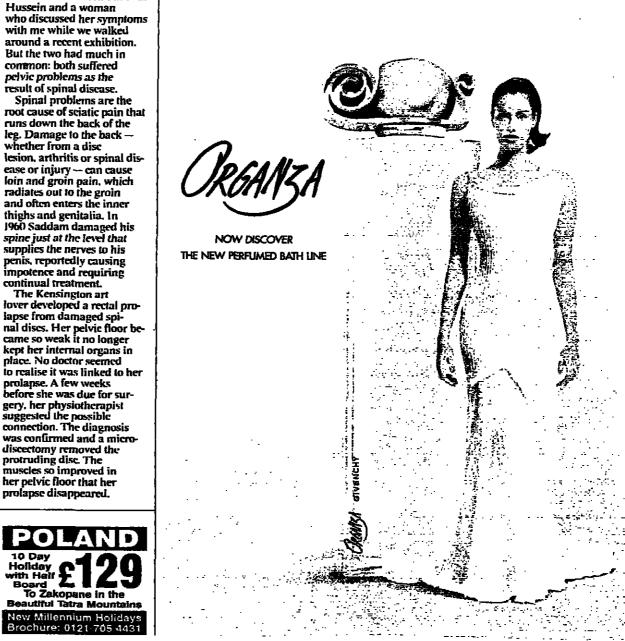
200mg tablet daily. B oth drugs appreciably reduced the incidence of a second stroke, aspirin by 18.1 per cent. Persantin by 16.3 per cent. The striking finding in the survey was that by combining the aspirin and Persantin, the second stroke fell by 37 per

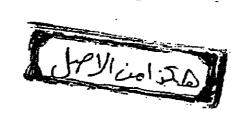
These figures raise the question of the best treatment for people who have had not only a first stroke but also a transient ischaemic attack, a common condition in which someone suffers the symptoms of a stroke that clear within a few



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Saddam and the art lover THERE seems to be little in common between Saddam





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THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 19 1997 The decline and fall of Kanga

Beautiful, titled, a confidante of the Prince of Wales, Lady Tryon had it all — until illness plunged her into a tragedy that is still unfolding. Bill Frost reports



Kanga and the Prince of Wales; in her dress shop



Lord and Lady Tryon; after cancer treatment

here once was a time when Lady Tryon seemed to have the world at her feet: beautiful, confident, successful, happily married to an English aristocrat, she was also the Prince of Wales's closest friend and, in his words, the only woman who ever understood him. Yet behind that golden facade, there lay a darker story

atric care yesterday after a dance in Melbourne, when he struggle with police outside was attending Geelong Gramthe family home in Wiltshire. mar. Kanga came to Britain. friends spoke of the "tragic inevitability" of her decline. Amid all the shock, sadness and the sympathy expressed

for a woman who has borne bravely an almost intolerable Sourden of pain and turmoil. there was no surprise at what had happened. "Life seems to have singled Kanga out for disappointment, suffering and now apparently divorce - it's just so bloody unfair." said one who knows her well.

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she entered voluntary psychi-

Dale "Kanga" Tryon, the the Prince, which began in

daughter of a wealthy Australian publishing magnate, thought she had achieved all her childhood ambitions until the dream of living an English upper-class lifestyle turned to nightmare. Charm. beauty and vivacity had won her a husband who came from the heart of the British aristocracy. Anthony Tryon, a member of Prince Charles's circle. She was 16 when she first encountered Prince Charles, who coined her nickname, at a

working as a PR for Qantas. Within two weeks she had met her husband-to-be and the future seemed set fair. She numbered the great and good among her friends, including members of the Royal Family. Sarah Miles, Susan George

and Zandra Rhodes. Diana, Princess of Wales understood the close relationship between Kanga and her husband, said friends vesterday. Kanga's friendship with



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Lady Tryon and her daughter, Zoe. Friends say: "She has had a bloody tough time but she is a fighter. There aren't many who can overcome this setback, but if anyone can, she can't

1966, became of secondary importance when he met Camilla Shand (later Parker Bowles) four years later. But when the royal marriage ended. Lady Tryon, now 49, might have expected to resume her position as confidente and adviser, they added.

However, the role was snatched from her by Camilla Parker Bowles and it was about this time that her moods of dark despair and confusion

When her husband gave up his career as a merchant banker at Lazards, Lady Tryon worked hard to reshape the Tryon fortunes, offering hunting, shooting and fishing holidays at the family's Wiltshire estate at Great Durnford, near Salisbury. At about the same time as she launched her dress

shop in 1983, her friends became concerned that she was pushing her-self too hard. Ten years later her health was to fail and not for the first time. As she concentrated on the task of juggling her many commitments — the flourishing design

> she called Kanga, family enterprises and her family - Lady Tryon had not noticed the onset of illness until it was almost too late. In 1993, shortly after the death of her father from leukaemia, she was diagnosed as having uterine cancer. The setback came a year after her back "gave way" as a result of childhood spina bifida and

had to be rebuilt by surgeons. After doctors declared her free of cancer in 1994, Lady Tryon paid tribute to the support she had received from Prince Charles. That close relationship was still intact. "He was a major contributor to my survival. I am deeply indebted to him," she said.

Her determination and strength could overcome physical illness, but nothing prepared Lady Tryon for the onset of inner turmoil and depression. Friends refuse to discuss which particular event triggered a nervous breakdown that saw her admitted to Farm Place, a drink and drugs rehabilitation clinic near Dorking last June.

While there, her condition deteriorated. She hurled herself from a first-floor window

- although she claimed at the time that she was pushed suffering a fractured skull and a broken back.

Lord Tryon made her promise to give no more press interviews after the fall while friends spoke privately of her increasingly erratic behaviour at Farm Place. They spoke. too, of the "intolerable strain" her illness was placing on the family - cracks were beginning to appear in the marriage.

However, this week came the darkest chapter yet: the prospect of sectioning under the Mental Health Act after bizarre behaviour and an undignified tussle with police; divorce from Anthony and infinite anguish and embarrassment for her children ---Zoe, 23, who is studying in

Australia, Charles, 21, a student in 'For many Edinburgh, and 17year-old twins Edwards and Victoria years who are pupils at Marlborough. Kanga has Lady Tryon's denunciation of her been on husband this week,

heavy

after he allegedly announced in front of their children medication' that he was to divorce her, is another "harrowing act in the tragedy", said one

longtime friend. "I feel very strongly that this will do enormous damage to the children which is absolutely appalling," she added.

One close friend confided that she had been "seriously worried" by Lady Tryon's behaviour late last week. "She was not well and I suppose I expected the worst, but hoped and prayed that it would not happen," she said. "Kanga has fought and overcome so much in the past. She is a fighter and I can only believe that her courage won't leave her." The friend, who describes

Lady Tryon's condition as terribly sad but by no means a surprise", sprang to Lord Tryon's defence when asked whether his decision to divorce might have pushed his highly strung wife over the edge. "That is absolute rubbish. You could not meet a more

devoted and loyal man - he is incredible and all this publicity must be torture for him and the children."

Lady Colin Campbell, one of

the more exotic members of Lady Tryon's circle of friends, "devastated" at news.

"Like anyone who knows in Campbell has a simpler explanation. her though. I am not surprised. She has had emotional "For many years now problems for a while and the

Kanga has been on some pretty heavy medication divorce cannot have helped very strong painkillers and so her state of mind - in fact on. One's mental state and anyone could be forgiven for losing it a bit under those behaviour, particularly if you circumstances. Kanga used to are highly strung, will obviously alter quite dramatically be the linchpin in the family if high doses are prescribed she held everything together." While some have speculated

over a long period." John Clancy, landlord of the Black Horse Inn near the family home and a friend for 20 years, had hoped that Lady Tryon was "on the mend". The pair first met when he was working as a butler at a nearby manor house and had planned to buy and run the

pub together. "She's been through one hell of a lot in her life. I have seen her in good times and bad but really thought she was

getting better.
"She was in with a friend (the actress Sarah Miles) this week drinking orange juice and although she seemed upset was otherwise okay. It

wasn't until I heard about the

divorce that things fell into

place. The drugs she had been taking were not doing her much good in my view. She was still the same person, but her judgment had been clouded. The divorce would have hit her very hard and I suppose when the truth sank

in, something snapped." Lady Tryon's prognosis was good though, said Mr Clancy. She has had a bloody tough time but she is a fighter. There aren't many who could overcome this setback, but, if anyone can, it's Lady Tryon — I'd put money on it.'

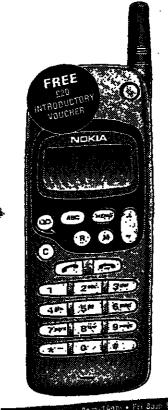
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Vital documents gather dust for

decades, says Magnus Linklater

guards an awful secret. It has never explained its role in the Allies' decision after the Second World War to recruit one of the most vicious of Nazi war criminals. Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo security chief known as the Butcher of Lyons, worked undercover for the American Counter-Intelligence Corps for more than two years in Germany before being smuggled to South

It was a cynical episode in one of the murkier periods of postwar history, but while the Americans have been open in publishing information about it, the Foreign Office, which holds 32 documents about Britain's involvement with Barbie, has always refused to

release them.

The British attitude to secrecy is more than an inconvenience to journalists, it is a gross disservice to history. This week, thanks to one tireless investigator, we have finally learnt the truth about a wartime event which led to the deaths of 104 British servicemen, killed when a Royal Navy cruiser collided with a

World War. The collision took place in January 1918, when a flotilla of British ships, heading out to sea at top speed. turned back to help two British subs which had collided in the dark. The

flotilla ran straight into the path of the cruiser Fearless which smashed into submarine K17, slicing through its conning tower and sending her to the bottom. Fearless reversed, sending the other subs astern into confusion. Survivors were chopped to pieces by the screws of two

escorting destroyers. It has taken 79 years for the icts to come out. George Rosie, the journalist who dug out the papers, held under official "closure" at the Public Record Office in Kew, has long campaigned against the British cult of secrecy, and his work, both at the PRO and at the Scottish Record Office in Edinburgh, has helped to ease some of the restrictions.

The results of his latest efforts form part of a series. Secret Scotland, to be seen on Scottish Television from this week. The rules are often absurd. Until a few years ago, there were still documents in Scotland held under a 100year restriction rule. These included the Brechin carters' strike of 1901, and the disturbances at Peterhead Pier in 1898 when workers attempted to prevent the import of Swed-

ish steel barrels. Why the Scots should have been so sensitive about their own dark secrets is hard to determine, but it may stem from their sub-colonial status in the early part of this century - anything which smacked of civil unrest was regarded with alarm in London. Thereafter. bureaucratic inertia is the likely explanation, Scottish Office tendency to drag its feet when it comes to

government secrecy.

The 1967 Act in England which relaxed the 50-year restriction on government papers to 30 years did not apply in Scotland. It has taken much digging by journalists such as Rosie to change the climate but it is still of the

Scotland is merely following in a long tradition of obsessive British secrecy. Any investiga-tive journalist or historian knows that the first step in finding out about our own intelligence history begins not in London, but in Washington. The author Tom Bower, who has chronicled the failure of the Allies to intervene in the Holocaust, has had to use American information to breach the walls of British

reticence. The fact that we now know about intelligence reports as early as 1940 that Jews were being systematically murowes nothing to the British Government. It was forced out only because the Americans had already issued

ments that have been "retained" by For 79 years, government departthe facts of a ments despite being legally obtainable disaster in under the 30-year rule. They have the Forth been weeded out on were hidden tenuous grounds that they are still "sensitive";

by far the likeliest reason is that they are simply embarrassing. Worse, Bower be-lieves that many documents. referred to at Kew but missing from their files, have simply been destroyed, leaving yawning gaps in our history. Every incoming Govern-

ment makes pledges about freedom of information - they are usually broken. This appears to be no exception. Tony Blair assured us that a Labour Government would introduce a Freedom of Information Act. That promise was dropped even before it reached the the White Paper stage. Given the prevailing atmosphere at No 10 these days, I fear we are unlikely to see its early return.

Perhaps, though, history can be reversed and Scotland

can provide a lead. The intention is that a Scottish parliament should adopt more openness in its dealings with the people. A good way of demonstrating its credentials would be to announce in advance the introduction of a Scottish Freedom of Information Act, with the intention of making documents at the Scottish Record Office available to all serious researchers. The presumption should be that they are open for inspection as of right unless there are security reasons which dictate otherwise. The onus would be on the Government to demonstrate why they should not be released, rather than on the public to explain why they should be. That would be quite



"IT WON'T BE A STYLISH MARRIAGE.... ON A BICYCLE MADE FOR TWO "

Redwood's reputation

to John Redwood as a valid figure in Conservative policies. He was the Robespierre of the Right, the dark-blue Incorruptible, the figure whose political rectitude made the compromises of ordinary politicians seem shifty and contemptible. He had the courage to stand for the leadership against John Major; he said "never" to the single currency when lesser men would only say: 'Not so far as I can foresee." His eyes gleamed with a vision; he had read the truth in the high hills and come

down to tell the people. In the Conservative leadership contest Redwood held the extreme Right position; after having been defeated, he announced yesterday his support for Kenneth Clarke, the candidate of the Centre Left. In the twinkling of an eye he has destroyed himself: it is as though Robespierre had gone to the Jacobean Club and announced that he had decided to transfer his support to King Louis XVI, adding for greater emphasis that he thought that Queen Marie

Antoinette was an absolute sweetie. One of two things can now follow both disastrous for Redwood. It is still entirely possible that William Hague will be elected leader despite Redwood's support for Clarke. In that case, Redwood will be completely finished; he will not be wanted for the new voyage, even though Hague speaks politely about him. Although Hague's leadership should be unsuccessful, the Right will never trust Redwood again. By that time there would be new leaders, new candi-

dates with undamaged reputations.

The other possibility is that Clarke will become leader, a possibility which Redwood has made significantly more likely. In that case Clarke will owe Redwood some gratitude, but he cannot afford to push gratitude too far. Clarke will have to come to terms with the real strength of the right wing of the party, which is now mainly to be found in the Hague camp. By supporting the Left, Redwood has separated himself from this solid Right, with its serious views. The support of the likes of Teresa Gorman is no substitute. The apparent deal to make Redwood Shadow Chancellor will disturb both wings of the party; it is embarrassing and undesirable. Lacking any real basis in the party, Redwood will be entirely dependent on Clarke's goodwill. That would be a humiliating position for

an able man. The issue of Europe may not define Whoever leads the Tories, the dark-blue

Incorruptible of the Right is now finished

everyone else, but it certainly does define Redwood. He is, or was, a Eurosceptic in principle. If Kenneth Clarke is elected, the Conservative Party will take his moderate pro-European line for the rest of this Parliament, and will have to follow it at the next general election. There will be criticism of the details of Labour's European policy, but no general opposition. Clarke has always been a sincere Europeanist of the Ted Heath school. Those were his beliefs as a young man, they have been his beliefs through a long ministerial career, they are his beliefs now, they would be his beliefs as leader. He is a much more convinced Europeanist than

Tony Blair, probably as committed as Gordon Brown. Tony Blair is always reluctant to give the Tories an

important part of his election strate gy. If Hague is the Leader of the Opposition, Blair will not be willing to give him the European issue to exploit. If Clarke is leader, Blair will not have to worry about the opposition to his European policy. The Conservatives are only a minority in Parliament, but they can exert some pressure on the European debate. In supporting Clarke, Redwood has made it more likely that Britain will continue to drift towards closer integration in Europe. There is now about an even chance that Britain will be governed from Brussels in the next century. Clarke's election would

risking a very great stake. Apart from Redwood's support, there has been a rather human reaction towards Clarke. He is more experienced, a strong debater, a good-natured man for whom even his opponents feel considerable

undoubtedly make that somewhat

more likely to happen; Redwood is

He is also older. If he does a good, professional job, the Conservatives probably will win back many seats at the next election; then perhaps they will go on to win in 2006 under another leader. By the probable time of the election after next Clarke would be in his late sixties, more than happy to retire. Many people will feel comfortable with these possibilities; relatively few think that Tony Blair can be defeated at the next elction. Kenneth Clarke, a friendly professional politician, would be attractive to them as a semi-temporary, semi-

permanent leader. There has also been some reaction away from Hague; he has made a few minor errors in his campaign, while Clarke's more mature and relaxed campaign has worked better. Hague is very young; he might be leader for a long time. If he were leader for as long as Margaret Thatcher's 15 years, he would still be only 51. He is a more driven and intense personality and would make changes which might be

good for the party, but would be uncomfortable for some colleagues. seems pleasantly relaxed, Hague seems ous. Easygoing

men usually prefer easy-going leaders, and there is no shortage of easygoing backbenchers. It is like the trenches in the First World War. Private soldiers expected to live longer when they were led by a plump old major than when they were repeatedly taken over the top by keen young subaltern. Hague would be keen, and, as in this leadership election, the relaxed style

might be more popular. The two men offer very different strategies. This difference is important, because general elections are more often decided by strategic positioning than by the immediate campaign. Blair won partly because he moved Labour to the centre ground. Kenneth Clarke is himself an instinctive centrist, in substantial agreement with much of new Labour's policy. He would be trying to occupy the same ground in public opinion as Tony Blair. If, which seems unlikely, the Government had to move back towards the old Labour policies. Clarke's moderate policy might work well for the Conservatives. If, as seems probable, Labour holds to its present centrist position. such a Conservative Opposition

would lack any major principle on which to fight. William Hague is committed to a more radical Tory approach. He

would position the Conservative Party on the Centre Right, where both he and Peter Lilley fought the leadership campaign. Both on Europe and on the development of social and economic policy there would be clear differences between the major parties. Under Hague the newer and younger men in the Conservative Party would have the freedom to explore the policies for the next century. That is not going to happen under Kenneth Clarke, who is a pre-Thatcher rather than post-Thatcher politician, far more so than Tony

Blair himself. Clarke envies the Labour Party the centre ground. Hague regards the existing centre ground as already obsolete and would be trying to make the Conservative Party more contemporary than new Labour. The success of his leadership would entirely depend on the development of

In British politics there are already many new choices to be made, both for the Government and the Opposition. The Prime Minister has shown himself to be unafraid of making them. The Conservative Party suffers from an increasing reluctance to make these new choices. Margaret Thatcher was dismissed because she did have the courage to make them; John Major was less capable of making them than she was; Kenneth Clarke is not by temperament a reformer at all — he would be less inclined to make new choices than John Major.

there would inevitably soon be protests at such an uninspiring leadership. On the first round of the contest, only 49 votes were cast for the pro-European left-of-centre candidate. Kenneth Clarke himself. One hundred and fifteen votes, well over twice as many, were cast for the three rightof-centre candidates and for John Redwood: all four were sceptical of the single currency. Now it seems very possible that the left-of-centre, Europeanist candidate is going to

Kenneth Clarke is a man of stature; he would be a very likeable and in some ways a popular leader. But it does not make sense to have a new leader who is really the candidate of the pre-Thatcher wing of the party, of Michael Heseltine and Ted Heath. That would be the second big step backwards. William Hague might or might not prove able to do the job; Margaret Thatcher is right to have endorsed him.

Britain i no longe borderlin

Blair wins battle

where Major los insists Jack Stra

he Amsterdam summit opened a new chapte.
Britain's relations with ope. Gone is the outdated, s posturing of the past, decade, \ contrived ideology masked pol impotence. In its place the Government under Tony Blair pursued a pragmatic, hard-he attitude to the European Union b on what is best for Britain.

The result is that after a c years of uncertainty Britain now a cast-iron, legally binding guart for the future maintenance of its border controls. This guarantee i founded on any outdated, imp-view of Britain's place in Europe on a flagrant desire to frustrate European partners. It is buinstead, on Britain's distinctive §

raphy and history.

Our position as an island acts natural constraint on where and people can enter the United I dom. In practice this can only relatively few points - at sea p airports, and, over recent year Channel Tunnel access points. result, Britain's border controls result, Britain's torder controls and always have been, an effe means of regulating immigratic well as combating terrorism, trafficking and other serious of In contrast, Europe's frontiers land borders: many are thousan miles long and have often determined not by geography by

accident of history and warfare. This has particular conseque For example, I once worked fo weeks in Maastricht, the Dutch now famous for its treaty. There natural border there, and resk can travel into Luxembourg. gium, Germany and France far I easily than they can get to their

capital. Amsterdam. It is therefore understand given the massive increase in i EU travel over recent years and resulting difficulty of maintai and policing land borders, that is a strong desire among many c partners for the freer moveme

people between their countries. Our historical and geograp separation from the Continent led to a further difference in pol traditions between Britain and other EU states. In mainland Eu for example, there has long heavy reliance on internal ch through compulsory ID cards, resident and hotel checks.

So while we understand main Europe's need, it has been cruci get them to understand Britain's here that Tony Blair has succee where his two predecessors did 1 In 1985 Margaret Thatcher sig the Single European Act, the tr which led to the establishment o single market. That treaty highl ed but failed to resolve the sp position of Britain in terms of bo controls, and, as a result, our l basis for maintaining such comhas been challenged ever since. proposed arrangements on from issues presented in Amsterdam

week made it all the more importo put this matter beyond all dou This week Tony Blair did just t Through a protocol of the Am: dam treaty. Britain now has the r to exercise "such controls on pers seeking to enter the United Kingo as it may consider necessary for purpose".

y achieving this, Britain not sought to prevent our of partners from abolishing (trols at their common frontiers. pursuing a common immigra and asylum policy — they already started doing this any through the Schengen treaty, out the Union. But such arrangement: not fit the circumstances of United Kingdom and the new Tre of Amsterdam recognises this.

The Schengen treaty is now to brought within the structures of European Union. Apart from Britz the other EU states except Ireland already members or observers Schengen, but the United Kingd has no intention of signing that tre and is not required to do so.

There are many areas, however where it is in Britain's interest to operate fully with our Europe partners. As crime, especially drugs trade, becomes more interi tional, so must the fight against The United Kingdom has always played a leading part in EU operation against drugs, crime a terrorism. We shall continue to do Police, Customs and judicial operation will continue on an int governmental basis Europe powers to support national pol forces will be strengthened, b Europol would not be able to g instructions to national forces or ta charge of operations itself. Moreov thanks to amendments secured Amsterdam, the European Court w have no authority to decide car brought in United Kingdom cou on these issues.

in Amsterdam, Tony Blair h achieved real and positive results the interests of Britain. They a achievements which could have cor about only through our co-operati approach to Europe For yea Britain has been shouting from t sidelines but effecting nothing. No as a fully involved partner. Britain making a difference.

The author is the Home Secretary.

Last orders

THE AIR hangs heavy over the dining tables at Rules, in Covent Garden, which claims to be London's oldest restaurant and has long been the favoured haunt of noliticians and the media.

The establishment's head chef. Rory Kennedy. 37. has died from



"What's it to be, England win at Lord's, or Clarke for the leadership?

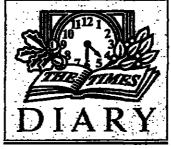
head injuries incurred during a recent fall down the stairs which lead to the restaurant's kitchens.

Kennedy was a convivial and popular soul, who encouraged the intake of good food and wine. Staff at Rules, which offers fine game as well as excellent potted shrimps on its reassuringly English menu, are serving the dishes he created with a leaden heart.

"He was a lovely, rounded man." says John Mayhew, the owner of the restaurant, which was founded by Thomas Rule in 1798. "He fell. and nothing broke his fall."

Regulars at the joint include the new-found political partners Ken Clarke and John Redwood. Lord Tebbit is also to be seen tucking in at Rules, which has been rocked by Kennedy's sudden and tragic

● THE ROYAL Opera House's decision to cancel its new production of Verdi's Macbeth due to technical difficulties will have come as little surprise to David Bintley, director of Birmingham Royal Ballet. He says that he, too. suffered difficulties at the Royal



Opera recently because of an influx of freelance technicians who

Slim-doctor

THE conspicuous snap in the hips of Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio (Paperclips), can be put down to his visits to his new health club. He has recently signed up at Lambton Place, the prohibively expensive club in Notting Hill Gate where anyone from John Cleese to Mariella Frostrup can be found sweating on the treadmill or fresh out of a shiatsu. The club is only two minutes' walk from his new house, though Mandelson, who regularly uses the pool, seems to prefer driving there in his smart for the portly Chinese entrepre-

ereen government-issue Raver. He carries his trunks in a dinky mini hold-all. With the joining fee, Mandelson will be paying around £1,000 this year for the club's facilities - unless he gets a ministerial discount.

Oh lord

HAVING seen off Neil Hamilton, Martin Bell has now taken on the vicar in his local village. Three weeks after moving into a small cottage in Great Budworth, Cheshire, he has decided to boycott the church of St Mary and All Saints, claiming that its vicar, the Rev Derek Mills, is "an unreconstituted Hamiltonian".

The new Independent MP for Tatton is fired up by an article Mills wrote in his parish magazine. "I was surprised by the suggestion in the article that the lose in the election was the winner, and that it likened the result in Tatton to the 'braying of asses'," said Bell yesterday adding that he now intended to "worship elsewhere".

■ There were ugly scenes outside the Canteen restaurant, in London, on Tuesday evening where Michael Caine was hosting a party



neur David Tang. Guests included the Duchess of York and Princess Caroline of Monaco and her new lover, Prince Ernst of Hanover, who were sensitive after a recent issue of Hello! magazine showed them canoodling. When the lovebirds slipped out of a back entrance to a barrage of flashbulbs they lost their composure and a punch-up between two paparazzi and Prince Ernst ensued

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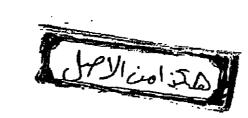
ONE of the bookies at Royal Ascot today is providing a diversion from the turf by opening a book on the



The Queen's headwear on Tuesday ... and yesterday's selection

colour of the hat worn by the Queen for Ladies' Day. There are short odds (4-1 favourite) for a repeat of the pink she turned up in on Tuesday, while the green she wore

yesterday comes in at 9-2.
Royal blue is a good bet at 5-1:
pale blue follows (11-2): then cream (6-1): lilac. purple or red (8-1); black or yellow (10-1); and polka dot (12-1). Paddy Power, the bookmaker says: "I'm no fashion expert but she always seems to wear pale colours." However, he is giving outside odds: leopardskin (25-1): tie-dye, or no hat (33-1); and a baseball cap



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PUSH-ME-PULL-YOU

Redwood has damaged himself, his principles and his party

The Conservatives throughout their history have been damned as "the stupid party". Seldom in their history can any of their number have deserved the title more. The decision by John Redwood and his closest supporters to endorse Kenneth Clarke as leader is an act of folly, malice and pique which diminishes them and their beliefs. In their aversion to William Hague, a man they fear may be another John Major, they will vote for Mr Clarke, another Ted Heath.

Those who have supported John Redwood hitherto should ask themselves this morning if they wish to see Margaret Thatcher and the principles she fought for sold so cheap. Can MPs such as Julian Lewis, Oliver Letwin, Edward Leigh, Howard Flight, Owen Paterson and Andrew Robathan, who have built their careers as Thatcherites, betray her now? They should ask if the British people should be denied the democratic choice of a leader genuinely sceptical about European integration. They should ask if they want their party to become a credible Opposition or a theatre of the absurd.

Absurd is how the axis between Mr Clarke and Mr Redwood will look to the country and absurd is what it is. The two men have not produced a thoroughbred challenger capable of negotiating the steeplechase to the next election but a pushme-pull-you which will invite ridicule long before it ever earns pity. When Mr Redwood challenged for the leadership in 1995 Mr Clarke argued that victory for Mr Red-wood's ideas would mean "I don't think the Conservative Party could win an election in a thousand years." Mr Redwood derided Mr Clarke as a man "out on a limb" and, with icy English understatement, added that his

presence in the Cabinet was "not helpful". It is not just on Europe that they have agreed to bicker. Mr Clarke is against spending cuts, antipathetic to local authorities, the architect of the managerial reforms in the NHS and relaxed about Scottish devo-Mution. Each of those positions is defensible. but all of them have been attacked, consistently, by Mr Redwood. Europe is, however, the issue that divides them most, and divides them still. In this newspaper on May 27, Mr Redwood claimed: "We cannot sign up to a single word of the Amsterdam treaty. This is a federal treaty." Mr Clarke spent his campaign rubbishing those fears andwent out of his way to take a more pro-European line.

Yesterday, however, the two men flourished their own peace treaty. Mr Redwood might as well have hoisted the white flag. This is his Munich. He is proud to have secured a free vote on the single currency but that does not create unity, only further argument as both sides struggle for supremacy. Worse, by allowing pro-integrationist Tory MPs to defy their supporters' wishes and vote to abolish the pound, it deprives the British people of a coherent party arguing for the maintenance of the nation's currency.

Mr Redwood argued in this contest that the only way to stop the Tory party becoming a "Balkan battlefield" was to reject the single currency. What price that prediction now? He may become Shadow Chancellor but, while Mr Redwood may have that riband to stick in his coat, he has lost something far more valuable: the authority won by his principled stand of the past.

Those of Mr Redwood's voters who have declared for Mr Clarke claim that they are supporting the "big-hitter". It is, however, they who will be clobbered, not Labour. As Home Secretary, Mr Clarke praised Tony Blair for having identical views to him on Europe. Since then, Mr Blair has grown more sceptical. As Chancellor he attacked Gordon Brown for agreeing with him. Mr Brown is now taking a tougher line on inflation and public spending.

As Tory leader, Mr Clarke would control the machinery of his party and steer it full steam astern. From candidate selection to policy formulation, there would be a purge of radicalism and fresh thinking. William Hague may have his failings but he is open to new currents and sensible about the need to arrive at an agreed line of opposition to a single currency and stick to it.

HALF THE STORY

Blair's victory at Amsterdam is not as ringing as he suggests

The leaders of the European Union returned exhausted to their respective capitals vesterday to tell their publics what victories for their countries they had won at Amsterdam. No two tales were alike - not surprisingly, since even the Dutch drafting team admits to a certain confusion about exactly what was tinally agreed in the hectic final hours. Until an official text is available, the shape of the Treaty of Amsterdam will be as unclear as was that of the elephant which blind men were invited to describe by touching it. Their verdict depended on whether their exploring hands encountered trunk, belly or tail.

Tony Blair addressed the House of Commons with all the confidence of a man who alone sees the elephant clearly. He had some cause to be pleased. On defence, supported by Denmark and the EU neutrals. Britain secured the postponement - but not the abandonment — of EU plans to absorb the Western European Union and give itself a military arm. But Amsterdam was no undiluted triumph. He may come to regret

giving the impression that this was the case. Mr Blair claimed that Britain's entire EU agenda, from reform of the common agricultural policy to "a more effective common foreign and security policy" and enlargement, was "fully reflected at Amsterdam". That was a considerable overstatement.

On trade, which he prudently omitted to mention and which was one of the few areas of the Commission's powers, the Government went down to defeat at the hands of France and Italy. On enlargement to the East, a key British objective, Mr Plair's statement that "the treaty prepares the institutions of the Union for enlargement" does not stand up. He would have been far wiser to complain loudly that the complete deadlock on this at Amsterdam has put a

brake on the process. Equally, there is no treaty basis for Mr Blair's assertion that when enlargement occurs, Britain will have greater weight in the EU voting system.

Still more serious is the rosy picture he painted of the outcome in the area where the treaty most clearly breaks new ground for European integration. This is the article on "flexibility", allowing groups of states to embark on fresh forms of co-operation that others do not want to join. The problem is not with the principle; this Government, like the last, rightly accepts that in a larger EU. this arrangement will be needed. But the British position has been that, to prevent a hard core developing to the detriment of others and because Community institutions financed by all would be used, each such initiative must be "open to all, agreed by all".

The Dutch draft called instead for decisions by qualified majority, and that is what the Treaty of Amsterdam says. Mr Blair's veto should have been ready. He did not use it. When he told the House that "we secured a veto over flexibility arrangements", he referred to a second-best compromise, whereby an outvoted dissenting state can invoke "vital national interest" and take the matter to the European Council. British officials have abruptly begun to say that flexibility was devised as a way to outflank the Tory Eurosceptics and that Labour's new positive attitude has "taken the political steam out of this issue". But they admit that new EU initiatives will now be far harder to block.

If this does not worry Mr Blair, it should. This is a powerful new enabling clause for Europe's integrationists. The treaty should be ratified by Parliament only if the Prime Minister can convince his critics that Britain's veto is as solid as it would have been had John Major been at Amsterdam.

AMERICAN INDIANS

Literary New York salutes the subcontinent

It would be tempting to say that we read them here first. Salman Rushdie and Vikram Seth, Amit Chaudhuri and Amitav Ghosh. all began their literary odysseys in Britain. So did R. K. Narayan before them, and V. S. Naipaul, to say nothing of Nirad Chaudhuri, as old as the century, and twice

America is reading them now. As our New as wise. York correspondent reports today, The New Yorker has this week published an issue dedicated entirely to fiction writing from India. The magazine, the flagship of American letters, has chosen sagely: the issue is a rich treat of words and wit, written It the ingenious English of the subcontinent. It is intriguing indeed to observe America's discovery of India's English. India, it might be argued, is now doing to English what America once did. The language's new indian frontier - the Wild East, if you like is the place where English has found its latest ferment. The United States, which 200 years ago began to refashion the language

tho, must surely see a part of its past inirrored in India's present. India's presence has grown greatly in America. Not only are her books on sale there, but her people too have migrated to

the New World in numbers, 500 years after Columbus expected to meet them there. He did not encounter true Indians, of course, but were he somehow to return today, he would most likely ride in a taxi driven by a turbanned Sikh, buy a roadside bagel from someone from Bombay, have his accounts done by a man from Madras, or be treated by a doctor from Delhi.

Our interest in this process is easy to understand. Britain has two truly "special" relationships. The first, with America, is most talked about, and has acquired a significance that is as much political as it is cultural. The second, played at a lower volume, is the one with India. Yet until now, America and India have remained too aloof from each other, contriving to overlook their many common features. Of those, the

English language is the most powerful. India's writers should at last enable America to "crack" the subcontinent, just as American popular culture has made inroads into modern India. In their different ways, both Hollywood and Salman Rushdie show why English is in such rude good health. They show, too, why the language will continue to be the most widely spoken in the world for many, many years to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Last lap of Tory leadership race

From Mr Peter Willsher

Sir, Although I expect William Hague to win the Tory leadership election, I believe that it will be in the long-term best interests of the party if they elect Kenneth Clarke,

The chances of Labour being defeated at the next general election are minimal, given the size of their majority. Kenneth Clarke is the best man to lose it, leaving the Tories to hold a fur-ther leadership election in order to bring in someone untainted by the loss. Such a person would be from a younger generation, conceivably a more mature Mr Hague, with a good chance of defeating a tiring Labour Party, led by a much diminished Tony Blair, in say 2006.

In the meantime, the Tories will benefit from Kenneth Clarke's wide experience and pugnacious leader-ship with the single currency being only a side issue, bearing in mind that the Conservatives can have no measurable influence on whatever decision is taken by the Labour Government in two successive terms of office.

Yours faithfully, PETER WILLSHER, Brook Farm. Beyton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, 101460.1603@compuserve.com

From Mr Richard Saxby-Soffe

Sir, The malaise from which the Conservative Party has suffered since taking on John Major as leader will only be perpenuated if he is replaced by Kenneth Clarke, who is identified with contributing substantially to that malaise. The disaffected Tory voter would continue to feel disenfranchised.

It is futile to seek to occupy the centre ground. That is now solidly occupied by new Labour. The only hope lies in a clear fresh start with William Hague and his right-of-centre prin-

The mind boggles at the party's lack of sensitivity. There were two devastating local election defeats, and a leadership challenge culminating in the general election landslide, and still the point has not been taken by many that we don't want John Major or any of his cronies.

It is sad indeed that John Redwood, the most deserving candidate, has been eliminated; but we should be grateful that William Hague can save the day.

Yours faithfully, R. SAXBY-SOFFE, Long Acre. Long Garden Walk, June 18.

From Mrs Stephanie Webster

Sir. In its last leadership election, the Tory party turned its back on a giant (Michael Heseltine) and chose a pygmy (John Major). This time it threatened to do the same by choosing nonentity William Hague over the towering character and intellect of Ken Clarke.

Now there seems to be a chance that common sense will prevail. If we can get Mr Clarke as leader it will almost have been worth losing the general

Yours sincerely, STEPHANIE WEBSTER, Wych-Elm House, Ashwood Road, Woking, Surrey.

From Mr W. G. McPherson

Sir, There may not seem much in common between buying a Blackface ram and the choosing of the leader of a political party; but the principle is the same.

An old and experienced flockmaster gave me this advice: Never buy a young ram for his looks. You don't know if he'll be any use, and you don't know if he'll stand the winter storms. Buy an older beast, one that has taken all that a couple of winters could throw at him and has come out vigorous and sound in wind and limb.

You know what you have with him. I am. Sir.

Yours respectfully. W. G. McPHERSON, 37 Granary Street, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

Boys will be boys

From Mrs Sara Hall

Sir. Nigel Hawkes's report ("Why boys have to learn what comes naturally to girls", June 12) explains rather more scientifically exactly what I have been saying for years, namely that boys appear to be born completely empty-headed, having to be taught almost everything about what is acceptable behaviour in society. Such behaviour, of course, they are perfectly capable of learning. My views are not based on any

genetic research, merely long-term observation of my fellow human beings. I must have been using my in-

tuition. Yours sincerely. S. HALL 8 Belmont Road,

St Peter Port, Guernsey, CI.

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Right of Prince of Wales to speak on state education on education of the breakdown in

From Mr Kenneth P. Armitage

Sir, Libby Purves, who attacks Prince Charles's views on the state education system ("A period of silence, Sir", June 17), may find that the Prince's words strike a chord with many ordinary people as well as those in business and commerce.

I feel certain that Prince Charles is already well briefed on the general condition of many state schools and probably understands that the failure of the system can be attributed, in part, to poverty, family break-up, crumbling buildings, the sale of school playing fields and, to a degree, ignorance. But the teaching profession must accept its share of the blame for the lack of discipline in schools and for the numerous trendy teaching methods which may have undermined organisation, structure and the

learning process. The onus for learning rests not only with individuals but with those whose job it is to impart knowledge and understanding. All academic organisations have an end-product - the young person or adult attaining the desired level of achievement and competence which allows them to proceed with a chosen career path and a great-er understanding of life and work.

If a company fails it is the fault, primarily, of the board and senior management for not appreciating the demands of the market place. So, too, in academia. The student is not the only customer. So are parents, industry, business and commerce and the nation.

Yours faithfully, KENNETH ARMITAGE, 6 Deben Valley Drive, Kesgrave, Suffolk.

From Mrs John Rose

Sir, I heartily endorse the comments by Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the teachers' union, about the effect family life (report, June 16).

Recently I completed 11 years as a parent governor in my children's com-prehensive school; I also teach parttime. Because I was free during the day I was usually the first choice of governor to sit on exclusion panels. In all those years, not one of the pupils whom I saw considered for permanent exclusion lived in a family with both his (occasionally her) birth

Before permanent exclusion is considered pupils have consumed enormous amounts of teachers' time and emotional energy and have usually caused severe disruption to the education of other pupils.

Yours faithfully, PAMELA ROSE, 2 Forest Hill Road, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. 100657.147@compuserve.com

From Mrs C. H. E. Blofeld

Sir. After steaming with indignation since I heard the pronouncements of the schoolmasters' union man. I have to ask what a failed marriage has to do with recognising the dismal state of education in some schools. If that man represents the views of teachers in our schools - something that must be assumed - it is no wonder pupils leave ill-equipped to think logically (and/or

spell correctly).
I am delighted that the media has given his utterance such publicity, thereby showing him up and confirming every single word Prince Charles had to say on the subject.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTL BLOFELD. 16 Brook Road South. Brentford, Middlesex. avblofeld@aol.com

From Mrs Jennifer Miller

Sir, It was obvious from the Dimbleby interview of 1994 that the Prince of Wales knew he would not be able to speak out as he does now when he became King; but it is hard to see why he should be altogether silent on a matter of great national importance when all

The Prince is anxious that our young people should do well in an increasingly competitive world, and his latest words have all the force of sincerity. The faults of our education system are constantly being brought home to him because of all his work for the disadvantaged through the Prince's Trust, and in the course of his public duties he travels exceptionally

He has not in fact enjoyed a very cloistered upbringing; schooldays at Gordonstoun were tough, and he also went to an Australian grammar school. Subsequently, he has trained as a commando, piloted helicopters, driven tanks and made parachute

Yours faithfully, JENNIFER MILLER, 2 Heathview Gardens, Putney, SW15.

From Mr Ken Jones

eral standards in education are in

The Prince of Wales, in his BBC interview with Sir David Frost on June made a reasoned and unemotional critique of some aspects of teaching today. In response, Mr de Gruchy of the teachers' union is quoted in totory, personal attack on the Prince. QED. day's paper as making an inflamma-

June lo.

Impasse at Stonehenge From the Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission

Sir, I write to applaud your admirable leading article of June 14. "Squaring the stone circle", with its positive approach to improving the setting of Stonehenge, and to add to the letters today from Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Professor Maxwell Hutchinson commenting on the rejection by the Millennium Commission of the scheme put forward by English Heri-

Over the years, the Royal Fine Art Commission has strongly supported improved access to Stonehenge and the provision of adequate facilities for visitors, and in February 1994 we convened a meeting at our headquarters of all the principal parties the Department of Transport, English Heritage, the National Trust and others — which surprisingly identified a practical way forward. Unfortu-

nately, due to a misguided obsession with building a tunnel which was neither aesthetically pleasing nor economically viable, no further progress was made.

You report (June 14) that the present chairman of English Heritage is blaming the Millennium Commission and its chairman, Mr Chris Smith, for the impasse. That is unjustified. Responsibility for lack of progress lies elsewhere. Constant changes of strategies, plans and proposals have led to general confusion.

The important thing now is to atthe mistakes of the past. If the Royal Fine Art Commission can do anything to assist in making progress we would be most happy to do so.

Yours faithfully, St JOHN of FAWSLEY, Chairman, The Royal Fine Art Commission. 7 St James's Square, SWI.

Electoral reform

From Mr Barrie Lane

Sir. The electoral system does need to be significantly reformed, but that it is not high on the Government's list of priorities should be of no surprise to Professors Iain McLean and R. L. Johnston (letter, June 18). After all, it was on this shambles that the present Government was elected and it would not surprise me if the Conservative Party were soon to lead the field in arguing for electoral reform, just as the Labour Party did when it was in Opposition.

Having been an administrator of elections and electoral registration for more years than I care to remember. the attitude that there are more important questions to deal with than the way we are governed is a constant one with each new government. There are few votes in electoral reform. But with Bills in preparation for a referendum for a strategic authority in London and referendums in Scotland and Wales, now must be the best opportunity to gain parliamentary time to amend legislation and improve the worst excesses of our system. Will this Government take up the challenge?

Yours faithfully. BARRIE LANE (Honorary Treasurer, Inner London Branch, Association of Electoral Administrators), 80 Park Avenue,

Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex.

From the Director of the

and Rehabilitation (Radar) Sir, There is no group of people more

those who are disabled.

... physical disabilities should not be automatic disqualification for work.

were far too often rejected by employ-

DIY justice

From Mr A. F. Laing

June 18.

Sir. In 1986 I investigated representation at industrial tribunals as part of my postgraduate dissertation at Sheffield University ("DIY cases can fall aparı", Law, June 10).

What was very clear was that tribu-nal chairmen, and to a lesser extent lay members, actively assisted lay representatives, whether applicant or respondent, to ensure that they did not suffer an injustice as a result of their lack of legal training. Indeed, they have an obligation to do so. The reason for the higher success

rate of legally represented parties at industrial tribunals appears to me to lie much more with lawyers being either more competent in selecting cases which were likely to succeed or in fending off those likely to fail. As a trade union representative remarked: "We feel obliged to take on cases for our members even if we suspect they have no chance of winning."

Despite the best efforts of the chair-

men, some applicants seem determined to fail. I remember the applicant who protested that he was unfairly dismissed for persistent absenteeism, and without explanation failed to reappear after the lunch adjournment.

Yours etc. A. F. LAING, Alders, 34 Whirlow Lane, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. June 11.

Rights of disabled

Royal Association for Disability

eager to prevent non-disabled people from claiming disability benefits than

It is important, however, for the debate to be led by facts and not generalisations. Your leading article suggesting reforms to combat welfare dependency ["New welfare". June 10; letter, June 18] included the statement

They aren't and never have been. Disability organisations such as Radar fought for the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 because disabled people who wanted and sought work ers even though they were qualified for the jobs in question. If disabled people are denied the opportunity to work then the social security system needs to support them. However, there is an alternative.

The Disability Discrimination Act should be amended to create a commission to support disabled people who have, or believe they have, expert enced discrimination in the labour market. When prejudice and discrimination

are replaced by employment opportu-nities there will be no shortage of disabled people who will be happy to sur-render social security for a salary. Yours faithfully. BERT MASSIE. Director, Radar. 12 City Forum.

250 City Road, EC1.

political parties are concerned for education.

jumps,

Sir. We now have proof that our gen-

Yours sincerely, KEN JONES. 57 High Street. Wyke Regis, Dorset. khhnews@clara.net

Irish potato famine

From Dr A. M. Parsons

possible to blame the British Government for not doing more to alleviate the Irish potato famine (letter, June, 13; see also letter, June 5) but this was not obvious at the time. The idea that a fungus could be the cause and not merely a consequence of the disease was quite new and it took the efforts of a Northamptonshire clergyman, the Reverend M. J. Berkelev, to show that this was the case. Until then it was posed that a combination of had luck and bad weather was the cause of

Sir, With the benefit of hindsight it is

the disaster. There was some truth in the economic theories of Sir Charles Trevelyan and others but this was hardly the time and place to apply them. Ultimately it had to be admitted that the population had outrun the food supply, as the Reverend Thomas Malthus had predicted. Emigration, forced or otherwise, was the only permanent

answer available. Sir Robert Peel did his best. He repealed the Corn Laws, much against his inner convictions, and he organised the import of maize from America. It was not popular, it was called Peel's brimstone, but it saved many lives. The American growers had, of course, to be paid at market prices for

their produce. Yours faithfully. A. M. PARSONS, 14 Woodlands. St Neots, Cambridgeshire. June 13.

Clergyman's crib

From Mr Peter Hollindale

Sir, Speculation that the BBC might discontinue the Radio 4 Sunday programme (report, June 13) must dismay clergy in the Church of England. whose workload would be markedly increased by its loss.

I have listened to this programme

on many occasions, only to find large portions of it retransmitted from the pulpit two hours later. Yours faithfully.

PETER HOLLINDALE. 6 Grange Garth, Fulford Road, York.

Thoughtful paws

From Mr M. G. Henley Sir, Our squirrel can hang vertically downwards from the gutter by her back feet in order to pull up and dislodge the bird feeder (letters, June 12,

18). We have now allocated one for her Yours faithfully, M. G. HENLEY, 8 Ham Close,

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Coming round again From Mr Piers Elev

Sir, Was Turner so called, I wonder, because he knew that every year, at about this time, he would be made to turn in his grave (report and article, June 181?

Yours sincerely, PIERS ELEY, 35 Montague Road, Richmond, Surrey. June 18.

Forthcoming

marriages



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE June 18: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with her presence

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 18: The Princess Royal. President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended the Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club. Knightsbridge, London SWI.

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 18: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception to mark the occasion of the EUREKA Ministerial Conference at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London

KENSINGTON PALACE June 18: The Duchess of Gloucester, accompanied by The Duke of Gloucester, this afternoon opened "The Face of

Denmark* exhibition at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh. Afterwards Her Royal

Highness attended an evening preview of the Royal Highland Flower Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh, in aid of the Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 18: The Duke of Kent. President, this morning presided at the quarterly meeting of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at Marlow Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

His Royal Highness, Royal Fellow, this afternoon attended the Royal Society's New Frontiers in Science exhibition at Carlton House Terrace, London SWI

Royal engagements

Birthdays today

Sir Michael Alexander, diplomat 61; Aung San Suu Kyi. Nobel laureate. 52; Mr Jeremy Bates, tennis player. 35; Sir Robin Brook. former president, Association of Chambers of Commerce of EEC. 89; Dr Neil Chalmers, director, Natural History Museum, 55: Sir Terence Clark, diplomat, 03; Mr Robert Davies, lute maker, 53; Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Duffell, 58; Miss Ena Evans. former Headmistress, King Edward VI High School. Birmingham, 53; the Right Rev John Hind, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, 52: Sir Michael Jay. diplomat, 51: Mr Bryan Kneale. sculptor, 67; Mr R.N.D. Langdon. company chairman, 78; Dame Unity Lister, former vice-chairman. European Union of Women. 82; the Earl of Minto, 69; Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, former MP, 83: Brigadier E.J. Nolan, former director, WRAC, 77: Sir Raymond Powell, MP. 69; Sir Francis Purchas former High Court judge, 78: Mr Salman Rushdie, writer, 5t; Mr B.A. Sellers, former chairman Gesterner Holdings, 62; Mr Justice Sheil, 59; Sir Alfred Shepperd, former chairman and chief exec utive. Wellcome Foundation, 72: Mr David Somerset, former chief cashier, Bank of England, 67: Father Antony Sutch, Head Master, Downside School, 47; Mr John Sutherland, civil engineer, 69: Miss Kathleen Turner, actress. 43: Mr Rory Underwood, rugby player, 34.

Bancroft's School

Old Bancroftians' Day is on Saturday, June 28, this year. All former pupils of Bancroft's School are invited to attend. Full details can be obtained from the Secretary. C/BA. c/o Bancrott's Schot Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 ORF. | society's headquarters.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King James VI of Scotland, reigned 1567-1625, afterwards as King James I of England and Ireland, reigned 1603-25, Edinburgh, 1506; Thomas Fuller, preacher and scholar, Aldwinde. Vorthamptonshire, 164%; Blaise Pascal, mathematician and philosopher, Clermont-Ferrand, France, In23; Charles Haddon Spurgeon. prencher, Kelvedon, Essex, 1834; Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig, Field Marshal, Edinburgh, 1861; the Duchess of Windsor (nee Wallis Warfield). Baltimore. Maryland. 1896: Sir Ernst Chain, biochemist. Nobel faurcate 1945, Berlin, 1906. DEATHS: William Sherlock, Dean of St Paul's 1691-1707.

London, 1707: Nicolas Lemery. chemist, Paris, 1715; John Brown theologian, Haddington, Lothian, 1787: Sir Joseph Banks, naturalist Isleworth, Surrey, 1820; Maximil-ian, Archduke of Austria, Emperor of Mexico 1864-67, executed, Mexico, 1867; John Emerich Acton, 1st Baron Acton of Aldenham, his torian, Tegernsee, Bavaria, 1902; Sir James Barrie, dramatist and novelist, London, 1937.

Sir Robert Peel's Police Act was passed, 1829. The first official baseball game was played at the Elysian Fields, Hoboken, New Jersey, between the New York Nine and the Knickerbockers, 1840.

The first zeppelin airship, the Deutschland, was launched, 1910



Luncheons HM Government

Mr Nick Raynsford, Minister for

London and Construction, was the

host at a luncheon given by Her

Majesty's Government yesterday

at Lancaster House in honour of

Ms Libby Purves was the speaker at a luncheon of the English-

Speaking Union held yesterday at

Dartmouth House. Mr Eric Dehn presided. Mrs Veronica McVey

Dr Ian Horsbrugh, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and

Drama, was the speaker at the annual awards luncheon of the

Barbers' Company held yesterday

at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr R.R.C. Bloomfield, Master, pre-sided, assisted by Lord McColl of Dulwich, Middle Warden, Mr

G.G. Macdonald. Renter Warden.

and Professor D. Barltrop, Deputy

Master. Among those present

Medical and Dental Students from the London teaching hospitals, recipients of the Barbers Company Nursing Scholarship, bursees from the City of London School for Girls, the City of London Freemen's School, Epsom College and Reed's School, a medical student from New Zealand sponsored by the company during her medical elective in the United Kingdom and other representatives of the educational establishments involved.

Service luncheon

General Sir Walter Walker, Presi-

dent of the 8th Gurkha Rifles

Regimental Association, presided at the annual luncheon held yes-

terday at the Gurkha Museum.

the President of the Philippines.

English-Speaking Union

also spoke.

Barbers' Company

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Live Music Now, will attend a concert to mark the 20th anniversary of the scheme at the Barbican Centre, Ham. He will attend a concert to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of Mendelssohn and to support the Bodleian Library Development Campaign at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, at

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland's Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh at 10.30.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Regular Commissions Board. Westbury, Wiltshire, at 11.00; will open the Bradford-on-Avon Youth and Community Centre. Frome Road, at 2.30 and will visit Clouds House, East Knoyle at 3.45.

Princess Alexandra, Patron, will attend a reception to launch MIND's Millennium award scheme at St James's Palace at

Deputy Lieutenants The following have been commis-

sioned Deputy Lieutenants in the County of Tyne and Wear: Mr Thomas Henry Burlison, Sir David Chapman, Lord Dixon, Mr Geoffrey William Meikle, Mr Joseph Laurance Mills, Mr Neville Guthrie Trotter, Mr John Streeton Ward, Dr Anne Margaret Wright.

Dinner

Society of Chemical Industry Mr R.A. Holland, Chairman o ı dinner held Vesterday

Council of the Society of Chemical Industry, presented the Lampitt Medal to Dr Christopher Finch at

Receptions

8th Curkha Rifles

HM Government

Winchester

Mrs Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government vesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the President of the Philippines.

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady May-

oress of Westminster were the hosts at a reception held last night at Westminster City Hall in hon-our of the Royal Opera Company. The Chairman, the directors, members of the chorus, members of the orchestra and staff of the company with city councillors and other friends were among those

Ancient mariners built Dover boat in haste

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

ing it clear how the boat was

built. The bottom planks

were, rather oddly, fastened

without joints or nails, by

ramming wedges and cross

timbers through a pair of

upstanding ridges along the

centreline, and into semicircu-

lar hooped cleats left raised

on the floor. The side planks

were stitched on with yew

withies, and the seams

were used. For the three-

metre replica section, trunks

about a metre in diameter

were split into half-logs, and

these were then sculpted into

the four main planks using

wooden wedges and bronze

Mr Clark said: "The sheer

scale of the boat, some 15

metres long suggests that it

was a seagoing vessel: a scrap

of Dorset shale found in it

suggests that it plied along the

South Coast over 3,000 years

ago." There is no local river

large enough to take the boat

and the coastal waters off

Dover are sufficiently chal-

lenging that sea-going capab-

ility would have been needed

Source: British Archaeology

Canon Ian Bennett, Director of

Ministry and Training (New-

eastlet: to be also Director of Post

Ordination Training, in the same

The Rev Malcolm Bull: to be

Assistant Curate (NSM), St An-

drew, Eastoke, Hayling Island and

North Hayling in plurality, and the benefice of South Hayling

The Rev David Burgess, Associate

Vicar, St Mary w St Christopher, Hanwell (London): to be Priest-in-

charge. Hawridge. Cholesbury. St Leonards, and The Lee (Oxford).

The Rev Malcolm Cooper, Chair-

man of the Parsonages Board (Ely): to be Priest-in-charge.

on all but the calmest days.

St Martin (Oxford).

diocese.

(Porstmouth).

axes, chisels and gouges

Massive tree trunk sections

caulked with moss.

DOVER'S famous Bronze Age boat was a rushed job. according to archaeologists who have replicated part of the hull. Toolmarks on the reolica, made with careful copies of Bronze Age carpenters' tools, produced a better finish than on the original. The original huilders were

more interested in getting the boat completed quickly than in producing a line linish." said Peter Clark of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust. "Although the process was largely trial and error, the toolmarks on the reconstructed boat matched those on the original precisely, including parallei grooves running along the base of the boat."

The boat, discovered beneath one of Dover's main streets in 1992, dates to about 1300BC, and is about one and a half times as long as a double-decker bus. It consists in essence of four oak planks, two flat ones forming the bottom of the boat and two curved sides.

About two thirds of the boat was recovered and is undergoing conservation before it is displayed in the Dover Museum. The replicated portion will be shown alongside, mak-

New Bishop of Sheffield

Other appointments

The Rt Rev John Nicholls, Suffra-gan Bishop of Lancaster in the

diocese of Blackburn, to be Bishop

of Sheffield to succeed the Rt Rev

David Lunn who retires on August

The Rev Philip Ansell, Curate.

Rainham w Wennington (Chelms-

ford): to be Senior Curate, w

special responsibility for church

development in the Burghley Park

and Woodhall Park areas of the

parish, in the Rodbourne Cheyne

The Rev Graeme Arthur, Curate,

Witney Team Ministry: to be

Rector, Westcote Barton w Steeple

Barton, Duns Tew and Sandford

Team Ministry (Bristol).

Memorial service Major-General Robert

Francis Cook
The Chief of Defence Staff and the Army Board were represented by General Sir John Akehurst at 2 service of celebration for the life of Major-General Bob Cook, Direc-tor-General of the Federation of the Electronics Industry and Colo-nel Commandant, Royal Corps of Signals, held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John Oates officiated and the Very Rev Jim Harkness, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland, led the prayers.

Oliver Cook, grandson, read the lesson, Mr Tim Cook, son, read Being Digital by Nicholas Negroponte, Miss Annie Cook, daughter. read The Return "Home" by Bishop Takuira Mariu and Mir Michael Pennington read from the works of William Shakespeare. Major-General Ian Sprackling gave an address: The Master of Signals and the Signal Officer in Charge, Royal Corps of Signals attended. Among others present

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Wort:

Mrs Cook (widow), Mrs Tim Cook idaughter-in-law), Mrs Jean Lowry (mother-in-law) and other members of the family: Lord Motifstone. Lord Renwick (chairman; Europeon Infomatics Markets), General SIr Jeremy and Lady Blacker, General SIr Jeremy and Lady Blacker, General SIr John and Lady Anderson, Lady Akehurst. Lady Travers, Lady Farndole. Sir Brian Tovey.

Mr Kelth Arnold (Information Technologists' Company), Mr Barry Woods and Mr Anthony Parish (Federation of the Electronics Industry). Mr B Little (Welbeck College), Major M G Vokes (Middlesex Yeomanry Association). Captain David Whitehead, RN and Mrs A Whitehead (FANYS).

Major-General Alan G Sharman (Defence Manufacturers' Association) Rear-Admiral and Mrs Paddy O'Riordan. Major-General J M W Badcock, Major-General F J Hellier, Major-General A G Anderson, Major-General Charles Page. Major-General Charles Page. Major-General A G Anderson, Major-General Richard Peck.

General Charles Page, Major-General and Mrs P W E Istead, Major-General Richard Peck, Major-General R. R. Carr-Smith, Major-General Chris Tyler. Brigadier P Forshaw, Brigadier and Mrs W H Backhouse, Mrs A C Birnwistle, Mr and Mrs M Read, Mr David Clarke. Mr lan Mackenzie. Dr P Cornish. Mr Peter Smith. Mr Peter Monson, Mr J Denza, Mrs V Bonham-Carrer and many other triends and colleagues.

Colin Cherry **Memorial Lecture**

The tenth Colin Cherry Memorial

The engagement is announced between Johnny, only son of Lord Acton. of Whitehall Court, London SWI, and the late Mrs Hilary Acton, and Lucinda, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs James Percival, of Maruhull, Dorset. West Midlands.

and Miss M.L. Tulloch The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Stainton, of Hastingleigh, Kent, and Miranda, daughter of Mr John Tulloch and the late the Hon Mrs Tulloch, of Courance, Lockerbie.

The Hon J.C.F.H. Lyon-Dalberg-

nd Miss L.A.F. Percival

Mr.I.A. Stainton

Mr C.P. Carpenter and Miss L.A. Hildesley The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Carpenter, of Tockenham, Wiltshire, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hildesley, of Woodside, Windsor Forest Berkshire.

Mr G. Emerson and Miss L. McAllister The engagement is announced between Greg, son of Mr and Mrs Ramon Emerson, of New Malden. Surrey, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart McAllister, of Thame, Oxfordshire.

Mr H.N.A. Harrison and Miss J.D. Lawrie

The engagement is announced between Henry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Harrison, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr Thomas Lawrie and the late Mrs Susie Lawrie, of head, Lanarkshire. Mr M.D. John

and Miss A.E. Embiricos The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Johnson, of Skegness. Lincolnshire, and Alexandra. daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Embiricus, of Kirdford, West

Mr J.A. Kozerski and Miss C. Minio Paluello The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Boguslaw Kozerski, of London, and Carolina eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michelangelo Minio Paluello, of

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Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr Philip Rothwell, of Kingswood, Surrey. and Mrs Peter Barnes, Ambleston, Pembrokeshire.

Sir Michael Shersby

Lecture on Communication, "Liv-ing in a Virtual World", was delivered by Mr Douglas Adams at Imperial College last Friday, June 13. Professor Bruce Sayers, FEng. was in the chair and the Vote of Thanks was proposed by Professor Patrick Purcell. The lecture was sponsured by SBC

Mr R.P. Vacher and Miss K.R.L. Cornwall

The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mr John Vacher, of Huntingfield, Suffolk, and Mrs Jill Threlfall, of Clapham. London, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Cornwall, of Sutton Coldfield,

Dr D.A.J. Wase and Miss A.L. Douglass

The engagement took place on November 29, 1996, of Donald Arthur John, only son of Mrs Kathleen Wase and the late Mr Kathleen Wase and the late Mr. Donald Wase, of Edgmond, to Anita Lorraine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard N. Douglass, of Coventry, West Midlands. The marriage will take place on July 2, at St James's, Bishampton, Worcestershire.

Mr T.J. Welch and Miss J.S.H. Rice

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Welch, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mr John Hartley Rice, of Camberley, Surrey, and of Mrs Penny Perrin, of Godstone, Surrey.

Mr N.A. Wood and Miss J.M.A. Knight

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Wood, of Thurnham. Lancaster, and Mary Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Knight, of St Brides Major, Vale of Glamorgan.

Marriages

Mr N.J.S. White and Signorina C.V. Caltagirone The marriage took place on Saturday, May 31, in the Basilica di S Stefano Rotondo, Rome, Italy, of Mr Nicholas White, eldest son of Mr Adrian and the Hon Mrs White, of Farmborough, Oxfordshire, to Signorina Cristina Caltagirone, younger daughter of Dottore Gaetano Caltagirone and Signora Francesca Comello Calta-girone, of Rome Mgr Gerard McKay officialed.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Valentina Pasquale. Chiara Sommino and Mathicu Gavaudon. Mr Richard Wingfield was

A reception was held at Palazzo

Mr D.I. Swalmston and Mrs J. Carey Teichman The marriage took place on Thursday, June 12. in Hampstead, London NW3, of Mr David Imrie Swainston, elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs Harry Imrie Swainston,

of Highgate, London N6. to Mrs.
Jan Carey Teichman, younger
daughter of the late Mr and Mrs.
Robert Carey. of Mahmesbury.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Micha Shersby, MP. will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, July 24. 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are re-quested to apply for tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 24, I Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL enclosing a first-class stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from July 13.

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Irish Council of Christians and Jews

Sir Sigmund Sternberg was the speaker at the AGM of the Irish Council of Christians and Jews held in Dublin yesterday. Afterwards, he held talks with the Imam at the Mosque in Clons-

Appointment

Mr Jeffrey James to be British High Commissioner to the Republic of Kenya in succession to Mr Simon Hemans who has resired: from the Diplomatic Service.

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EMEDICT - On June 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Meghan (née O'Hearn) and Douglas, a son, Walter

CAREY - On 17th June 1997, to Charlotte (hée Hooker) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Eloise Ann.

EDWARDS - On June 10th at Kingston Rospital, to Caroline (née Evans) and

remembered with love each and overy day. PEARSON - On June 17th 1997, to Flora (née Gorman) and Simon, a son, Harold John Wentworth.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Church news

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, now that we have been reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Romans 5: ERERA - On June 16th at the Hospital of St John & St Elzabeth, to Dilrukshi and Chrisantha, a beautiful daughter, Faith and she was 2450 kg. BIRTHS

RADERMAN - On 13th June at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Catherine (née Higgins) and John, a son, Jack Alexander Fox. SCIM - On June 15th in Oxford, to Bebecca (née Abrame) and Hugo, a son, Solomon Joseph Abrame, a brother for Jessica. BAYKE - On June 13th, to Deborah and Julian, a son, James Alan Collingwood.

STEPMENSON - On 11th June at The Fortland Hospital, to Margot (260 Southam) and Richard, a son, John (Joek) Christopher.

SUTTOM - On 13th June, to Lee and Kim (née Waldis), 2 sun, Joseph Lee.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

The Portland Hospital, to Anna (née Pangration) and Bussell, a beautiful son, Michoel.

GRBS - On May 28th at the john Radeliffe, Oxford, to Callie and Bichard, a daughter, Martida (Tilly) Phyllis Caroline, a sister for Harry and Freddie. CORLEY: YEOMAN - At Oaklands Gats Methodist Church, Northwood, on 19th June 1937, Kenneth to Olwan, Now living in St Bees. Harry and Freddle.

GORMAN - See Pearson.

HARVEY - On June 12th 1997,
to Lesley (nee Fenney) and
Lewis, a beautiful son Oliver.

LAWEDDALE - On June 16th
1997, to Sophie (nee
McGarrigle) and Andrew, a
daughter, Phoebe Lella.

MOORE - On 10th June to Gilly
(Thompson) and Paul, n
daughter, Freya Nicola
Thompson, a sister for Guy
and for Nicholas who is
remembered with love each
and every day.

DEATHS

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STERN - On 2nd june 1997, to Mary and Jonathan, a daughter, Florence Emily, a sister for George and Oliver.

CORBETT - On 15th June, suddenly at Pendean House Nursing Home, Midhurst, Anne, aged 87, mother of Jillian. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 25th June at Ilam at Our Lady of the Forest, Forest Row, East Sussex. Flowers, or donations to 5t Catherine's Hospice, may be sent of W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, near Petworth GU28 9AB (01798) 342174.

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EWMN - Ivy (néa Ash) passed
away peacefully after a
short iliness 15th June.
Beloved wife of Ashworth,
loved and sadily missed by
her family, friends and
extended family, Funeral
Service Tuesday 24th June
12 noon St Michael's,
Tokyngton, Wembley,
followed by cremtion at
Kensal Green.

Konsal Green.
FIGGESS - Alette (née
Idenburg) peacefully on
June 18th at Sobell House,
Oxford, aged 71. Dearly
leved mother of Sandm and
Mickey and grandmother of
Alex, Nina and Charlie.
Funeral for family and
triands at Buchpall. Family
flowers only. Any donations
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HARLAND - David Alexander,
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Gillatte Corponation be was
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very keen sallor he also
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Christine in Boston, his son
julian and former wife
Angels in London, parents
Frederick and Marjorie in
Middlesborough, brothers
Andrew in Washington DC,
Christopher in Torkshire,
Paul in Gloucetter and vister
Marguret in Woldingham. A
memorial service will be
held on Saturday June 28th
at 3pm at Great Thirkichy
Church (near Thirsk).
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Sight Savers International,
rei 01444 412424

DALY - Enid on June 16th, suddenly after a short lilness in hospital Aged 85, widow of Robert and mother of Elisabeth. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church, Dorset on Thursday June 26th at 230 pm. No Howers, donations to St Mary's Church, Winterborne Whitechurch or Save the Whitechurch or Save the 190 cm Monday 16th

CLOYD - Frederick William aged 89 on Monday 16th June after a short illness, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funcal Service Friday 20th June 4 pm New Southgate Cremntorium. Funeral Directors - Nodes, Barner, (0181) 449-3355.

MacDONALD - Dr. Inn Dougles peacefully on June 17th at Saxhill aged 84. Dearly loved husband of Freda, father of Elhabeth and Alastair and grandfather of Harriet, Simon and Alexandra. Cremetion at Enstbourne on Thursday June 26th at 3.15pm. Family Howers only, Donations, if desired, to The British Red Cross c/o Mummery F/D, 31 Devombler Rood, Barbill-on-Sea, TN40 1AH, tel: (01424) 730418.

MORRISON - On June 13th, peacefully after a long librers at Westerham Flace Residential Home, Kent, aged 89, Muriel Caroline Morrison of Stubbington, Hanta, and mother of john, Funeral Service 11.30 am Monday 23rd June at St Edmunds Church, Crotton followed by interment at Crofton Cametery, Flowers may be sent to Churche & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport PO12 1LT. ROBERTS - Dr. Margarot Gweadoline Roberts of Sutton St Nicholas, Howford, died suddenly en june 14th and will be missed greatly by her family and her many friends. For Funeral Arrangements please contact Bayler, 3rothers (Harricord) Ltd. . 2: 01432 272465.

ROBERTS - Dr. Margaro

SAMDERS - On 14th June 1997, peacefully at home in Hoddenham, near Ely, Relena Trevelyan Edmondstone, widow of Guy Sanders of St Clements, Cornwall, daughter of the late F.R.S. Charles of Camberley, Survey, and his first wife Constance, Funeral at Holy Trinity Church. first wife Constance, Funeral at Hofy Trinity Church, Haddenham, at 2.15 pm on Friday 20th June, followed by cromation, Family flowers only; donations if desired to the Anglo-Italian Society for the Protection of Animals (at the service or to Ely Euseral Service, Towar Road, Ely, Camba. CB7 4HW).

SMITH - (nåe Wade). Angela Garbett, widow of Laurence Smith, Solicitor of Brighton. Passed away peacefully on 15th June after a long lliness. Dearly loved mother of Christopher, Anthony and Care and grandma of Helen, James, Alexandra, Thomas, Jennifer, Tom and Ben. Requiets Miess at St Edwards R.C. Church, Lodge Lane, Keymer, West Sussex at 2 pm on Tuosday 24th June followed by interment at Hentleid Cometery. Family flowers only, but donations if desired made payable to Hope in The Valley Riding For the Disabled Association may be sent c/a C & T Endmall Funeral Services, 223, London Road Bargess Hill, Wost Sussex, RH15 9QU Tel 01444 871212.

TEWART-BLACKER THEMANT-BLACKER Suddenly at King's Cross Husplini, Dundee, on Saturdey, pune 14th 1997, Patrick Ernest, dearly beloved husband of Anne, very dear fother of Peter, Flona and Patrick and loving grandpa of Louira and Edition Funeral Service to be hold on Ettiny here 20th Edition. Funeral Service to behold on Friday, lune 20th, 1997 at 12.15 pm at St. Catharine's Church, Blairgowrie. Family flowers only please, but if so desired in lete of donations to The Lords Taverners, 22 Queen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AA.

THOMPSOM - On June 15th, Rosemary Kate, widow of Brigadier W.F.K. (Sheriff) Thompson. Beloved mother of John, David (deceased) and Clare, fond gandmother to Kate, Penny, Antonia, Bansa, Tohy and Georgina and great-grandmother to Amella, Eiszbeth, Thomas and Mirabelie. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Newick, Sussex, on Monday and Mirabelle. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Newick, Sussea, on Monday June 30th at 230 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to "Caring & Sharing" clo RA Broaks & Son, Ravenoak, Allington Boad, Newick, tel: (01825) 722895 or (01444) 454391.

TOLHURST - John Edmund died peacefully at home at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, on 16th June 1997 after a lengthy iliness aged 90. Bear huband of Dot and much loved father to Suzanne, Americ, Georgine, Wilbrid and Philip and grandfuther to bis 14 grandchildren. Bornism Mass at St Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, 12 neon Wednesday 25th june 1997. Family flowers only please. Densitions to ERLL co Aff. Smith Fuseral Directors, 7 Spital Road, Meldon, Essex.

WOOLF - Frances pencafully on 17th June, beloved wife of Robin, devoted mother of Nicholas and Suson, quandimother of Giles, Fenal, Amy and Jonathan. Cremation on Sunday 22nd June at Golders Green 11 am. Frayers 7,30 ym Sunday.

JAIPUR - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Maharaj Jagat Singh will be held at St Faul's Church, Wilton Piece, Knightsbridge, SWI, at 12 noon on Thursday 26th June.

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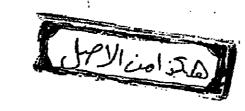
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OBITUARIES

REAR-ADMIRAL PETER GRAY

Rear-Admiral Peter Gray, CB, DSC, wartime destroyer captain, died on June 12 aged 85. He was born on December 20, 1911.

hen the future Rear-Admiral Gordon Thomas Seccombe Gray first embarked on what was to be an exceptionally active naval career his fellow midshipmen thought "Peter fitted him better than any of his baptismal names, and this re-christening stayed with him. He loathed his arly education at Pangbourne Nautical College where, in those days, literature and science came too far behind practical seamanship and wire-

His baptism of fire came in 1936. when as a lieutenant in the cruiser Durban, he took part in the efforts to control the Arab revolt against the British mandate in Palestine which had begun with an uprising inspired by the Mufti of Jerusalem in response to increasing Jewish immigration. Commanding a detachment of fifteen sailors with a two-pounder pom-pom and a searchlight, Gray supported the Seaforth Highlanders at Nablus, prorecting Jewish kibbutz settlements against Arab snipers. For his services he was awarded his first mention in dispatches

In 1937, he was posted to another Fouble-spot Japan had invaded China and the major powers - Britain, France and the US - all had gunboats on the Yangtze River to protect their commercial and diplomatic interests. Serving in the gunboat Ladybird and having injured his ankle, Gray witnessed from his hospital bed the bombing of Hankow by the Japanese, remarking that "they were only small biplanes, but they caused a lot of damage." Ladybird was involved in several confused and dangerous incidents in her efforts to protect international shipping on one occasion suffering casualties from Japanese field artillery fire.

At the outbreak of war, Gray was serving in the destroyer Echo and was present at the sinking of the carrier Courageous by a U-boat rescuing many survivors. Damage to Echo llowed him a few days to get married and have a honeymoon. Posted immediately afterwards to the sloop Stork as second-in-command, he took part in a number of East Coast convoys, protecting shipping against aircraft attack by

day and E-boats by night. In May 1940 Stork was ordered to support British troops in Norway and then to assist with the evacuation, a campaign characterised by virtually unopposed air attacks. Gray was awarded the DSC for his part in these



Peter Gray after making his first solo helicopter flight as a Captain at HMS Osprey, Portland, in the 1960s

Returning to convoy operations in the North Atlantic, Gray assumed command of Stork in the summer of 1941, having landed a captain suffering from severe operational fatigue. A new captain was appointed in December. this was the redoubtable Commander F. J. Walker who was later to make his name as the Royal Navy's greatest submarine hunter and who, as a Captain with the CB, four DSOs and three DSCs, died in harness in July 1944 of a stroke brought on by

cumulative strain of three years' war. But Convoy HG 76 from Gibraltar to UK was Walker's first as Escort Force Commander and was fought through for ten days with a savage intensity that resulted in the sinking of five Uboats, but also in the loss of the destroyer Stanley and the new escort carrier Audacity.

Torpedoed, the Stanley had blown

up with the loss of nearly all her crew. The Stork obtained Asdic contact near the blazing wreckage and depth-charged U574 to the surface. A chase followed and as Walker wrote later: "The U-boat was turning continuously to port just inside Stork's turning circle ... I fired at him with the four-inch

guns until they could not be sufficiently depressed. After this, the guns' crews were reduced to fist shaking and roaring curses at an enemy who seemed to be a matter of feet away rather than yards . . . but the prettiest shooting was made by my First Lieutenant, Lieutenant G.T.S. Gray, with a stripped Lewis gun from over the top of the bridge screen. He quickly reduced the conning tower to a mortuary . . . " Stork succeeded in ramming U574 and sinking her with a final pattern of depth-charges.

Awarded a second mention in dis-

patches. Gray was next appointed to command the Hunt class destroyer Badsworth and took part in numerous Atlantic convoys. In April 1942 Badsworth escorted an Arctic convoy to Murmansk, on one occasion rescuing the captain of a sunken merchant ship who turned out to be his own navigating officer's father.

In June, ordered to join a small convoy of six ships in the North West Approaches, Gray was surprised to find it powerfully escorted, with a force that included a battleship and two aircraft carriers. The secret destination was Malta and this was Operation Harpoon, one of the hardest fought and most expensive Malta convoys in which only two of the six merchantmen reached harbour. Besides over 200 enemy aircraft, the force was attacked by Italian cruisers and destroyers and also suffered damage - which included Badsworth - from mines laid just outside Grand Harbour.

By January 1943, Gray was back in the Mediterranean, Badsworth having been fully repaired on the Tyne and engaged in preparations for the Sicily landings. He was mined again, but survived, having packed the ship with a large quantity of cork. Purchased commercially, this unauthorised expenditure incurred high-level displeasure, but he was awarded a third mention in dispatches.

Promoted lieutenant-commander in late 1943, Gray was given command of the destroyer Lamerton and undertook many harassing operations against the Italian and Yugoslav coasts. He was twice more mentioned in dispatches.

From 1945 to 1950, Gray commanded no less than four more destroyers mainly in the Far East. Promoted commander in 1950, he had a tour teaching at the Naval Staff College and as the executive officer of the cruiser Glasgow. An early promotion to captain was followed by a variety of interesting appointments including the Nato staff near Paris, the command of a frigate squadron which took part in the Suez operation and command of the naval air station at Portland. Here, 20 years after learning how to fly fixedwing aircraft, he qualified to go solo as a helicopter pilot.

Promoted rear-admiral, his final tour was as senior naval instructor at the Imperial Defence College. He was appointed CB in 1964 and retired in 1965, having informed the Admiralty that he did not wish to be considered for further employment.

In retirement he and his wife Sonia were ambitious sailors, cruising European waters and waterways for six months each year in a fine Dutch sailing vessel and latterly a motor fishing boat. He is survived by her and their son; a daughter predeceased him.

JAMES LEE BYARS

American artist, died from cancer on May 23 aged 65. He was born on April 10, 1932.

JAMES LEE BYARS was part showman, part mystic, a man who dressed in gold suits and estured at the void. He was influenced by the "happenings" and experimental art of the 1950s and 1960s. Like other artists who emerged at the time, such as the members of the Fluxus movement or the Belgian Yves Klein, he was fascinated by oriental mysticism. His art steered eleverly between solemnity and kitsch. In his performances, Byars

was always in search of the "perfect" gesture; in his works he sought the "perfect" form. And always, underlying the two, there was the irresistible sense that this consummate moment could be read as a consummate joke, or that perfection was empty. (In the same way, Klein entitled one of his shows Nothingness and had collectors pay for him to throw gold into the Seine.)
The ambiguity was a bit like that of the duck-rabbit figure

discussed by Wittgenstein, whom Byars would regularly cite, along with Gertrude Stein and Einstein, as one of the figures he most admired. It may well have been Stein's famous dictum "A rose is a rose is a rose" that he had in mind when he represented the idea of fulfilment wih the mystical figure of 3,333 roses.

Born in Detroit, but a selfproclaimed son of "Skylight, Tennessee", Byars graduated in art and philosophy from Wayne State University in 1955. His thesis show gave a clear sign of what was to come: it lasted a day and consisted of placing an ensemble of spherical stones in the family home, from which he had removed not only all the furniture but the doors and windows as well.

In 1958 with the help of Dor-

othy Miller, chief curator at the Museum of Modern Art. he made his debut in New York with a display of folded paper pieces in one of the museum's emergency stairwells. It lasted only a few hours. That same year he set off on the first of many trips to Japan. In 1960 he organised a



100 students formed a circle and recited 100 lines from Gertrude Stein.

The concern with ideal numbers would become a hallmark. In 1968, Byars attempted to gather "a million minutes of human attention" and made a Dress for 500 which consisted of a huge, continuous piece of pink silk wrapped around the participants as they walked around a block in Manhattan. He also staged an anti-Vietnam demonstration in which 350 partieipants held a long golden

The materials Byars used were always precious, delicate or expressive of great craft: gold leaf was a constant, along with marble, intricately folded paper and silk. His Moonbooks consisted of a wooden table painted with gold leaf with 16 pieces of white marble placed on it. Pedestal for a Perfect Tear was another table, covered with black crepe. In a recent exhibition at the Fondation Cartier, Paris, he filled a whole room with a thick floor of black marble with giant diamonds placed along its edges.

Byars himself was both a

performer and master of ceremonies. He used to say that his taste for dressing up went back to the childhood gift of a tuxedo. He would often appear wearing a gold or silk suit with top hat, cape and

It was in one such outfit that he made his mark at the Documenta 5 show in Kassel. At the opening of this giant exhibition, appropriately enti-tled When Attitudes Become Form. Byars stood atop the Friedericianum, the main building, and recited a long list of German names through a gold megaphone. He had plans to do the same in front of the Pompidou Centre, Paris, from a specially built column. The lighter pendant to this was The Perfect Kiss (1973), in which, every day for two weeks, he would climb up on to a pedestal and immediately get down again.

Byars's artistic legacy may prove more enduring, however. At the time of his death he had become an influential figure in Europe, with works in many collections.

He leaves a widow, Gwendolyn F. Dunaway, and two stepdaughters.

THE VERY REV GARETH LEWIS

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The Very Rev Gareth Lewis, Dean of Monmouth 1990-96, died of kidney failure on May 27 aged 65. He was born on August 13, 1931.

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PROUD of his Welsh roots. and a committed champion of Welsh language and culture. Gareth Lewis played an appropriately active part in the life of the Church in Wales. But though his working life both began and ended in the Principality, his sympathies and experience were far from narrow; he spent five effective years as Vice-Principal of Salisbury Theological College

and nine as Dean of Belize. David Gareth Lewis was born in Dowlais, a township on the northern edge of the of its separateness from its near neighbour, Merthyr Tydfil. When Lewis was born in 1931 the area was experiencing the worst of the Depression. Steel production had ended for good; the coal industry was on its knees. In its heyday the people of Dowlais had come from many parts of the UK and some from overseas (there was still a strong group of

Irish families and a distinct Spanish contingent). The son of a strongly Welsh-speaking family with deep roots in West Wales and a commitment to the Baptist Church, Lewis was educated

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later Lewis was to exemplify was created here - his strong, almost fiery attachment to the culture and language of Wales: the sense of Wales having suffered too much; his awareness of a wider world where people were of varying cultures and outlooks. He studied at Bangor and

then at Oriel College, Oxford. A short interlude of teaching was followed by a return to St Michael's Theological College in Llandaff before ordination in the Anglican Church. Many people who change their Christian allegiance become zealots for the new way, but Lewis never did, marrying his clear loyalty to Anglicanism with a measured awareness of the riches of other traditions.

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1960 to 1963 brought Lewis into contact with that redoubtable Welsh priest J. F. Williams, later to become Dean of Llandaff. from whom he learnt much.

In 1963 he was appointed lecturer and a year later Vice-Principal of Salisbury Theological College, which brought him a host of acquaintances and friends to be scattered widely throughout the Anglican Communion. At a time of great excitement and change in theological education, he was a reliable source of stability and good sense.

In 1969 Bishop B. N. Y. Vaughan, a fellow Welshman, invited him to become Dean of Belize Cathedral, in what was then British Honduras, where

South Wales coalfield, proud earlier time. Much that the A first curacy at Neath from he served with distinction for nine years. The cathedral had a large parish and Lewis's pastoral gifts were much appreciated. He would almost certainly have succeeded Vaughan as bishop had the Church not felt that it was time to appoint a local leader. He published a History of St John's Cathedral, Belize in

> During this period, he travelled widely and made friends in both South America and in the US, notably in the parish Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Florida. The desire and the urge to travel remained with him until the end, but his dream of a travel-filled retirement was to be shattered by ill-health.

> In 1978 he returned to Wales, this time to the Diocese of Monmouth and to the incumbency of St Mark's, Newport From 1982 until 1990 he was the first Residentiary Canon in the Province of Wales and Canon Missioner of the Diocese. He enjoyed the roving commission of this role, visiting the parishes frequently. He became well known to the clergy, who liked his easy and informal manner coupled with an ability to

> listen to their problems. Perhaps, in the longer term, his more important work was to develop in the diocese various courses for the newly available Certificate and Diploma in Theology from the University of Wales. University of Wales, Lampeter, Each diocese was free to produce courses of differing patterns and content

for submission to Lampeter. Those which Lewis produced for Monmouth might be called traditional, in that in origin they were contained within the well-known pattern of Bible, History, Doctrine. The number of subjects was expanded through courses linking theology with litera-ture and covering issues of social concern as well as matters concerned with interfaith studies. The courses were taken up by a wide crosssection of laity; classes flourished in several centres (and have continued to do so), and out of their membership came a number of candidates for ordination, men and women.

in 1990 Lewis was appointed Dean of Monmouth and Vicar of St Woolos, the cathedral parish of 10,000 people. It is a difficult role, for it requires a commitment in the wider affairs of the Church as well as expertise as parish priest and pastor. Thus he represented the Church in Wales on the British Council of Churches and at the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. He chaired the Council for Stewardship and later the Council for Evangelism and Adult Education, as well as being clerical secretary of the governing body.

He sought to fulfil his pastoral role using his ready

skill in making relationships, but a number of staff changes and then staff gaps at St Woolos made for difficulty. From an early period in office it became apparent that his health was giving growing cause for concern. Different courses of treatment and spells in hospital, including one for a cataract operation, all failed to halt the onset of an increasingly limiting condition. Friends spoke of early retirement, but were met with a determination "to carry on until I can retire on grounds of age". So, soon after reaching 65, he retired to Llandaff, to survive but six months of increasing frustration only partly relieved by a readiness to talk with interest and humour as of old.

He was a very private person. Few people, if any, were admitted to that space at the centre of his life where all strands met. But though seemingly withdrawn, he loved to talk, having a fund of very funny stories, some against himself. He made friends easily; he loved to be entertained, having renounced any interest in cooking for himself or others, and he rewarded his many hosts with verbal dishes of rich variety. Always he seemed detached, not given to over-involvement in issues, except. significantly, when Welsh language or culture was at issue. Then a fire burnt which showed, if briefly. another, hidden Gareth Lewis, perhaps the person of his

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The Rev E.W. Sara, Director of the

Bishop of London's Sunday School Council, speaking at the conference of the Church of England Men's Society, which concluded at Bradford yesterday, said they had got to get rid of the horrible veil of Victorian prudery and face the facts of sex and instruction of young people about them. He described sex training as a principal stumbling-block in the way of young fathers, and said that mothers still did practically nothing to instruct their children. The average boy and girl obtained "wonderful and glorious knowledge of life" from other children, maid servants, and so on. Fathers and mothers should be taught that they were the only people who should tell the children the facts of life. At certain stages of life the father's influence was great. He also advocated the formation of mixed clubs for young people. Why should they restrict the habit of courting to street corners with

ON THIS DAY June 19, 1924

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church conference, drew attention to the growing army of young unemployed, many of whom had never had a job.

the Hell that often resulted? Mr. Sara described the present-day drift away from organized religion as "an appall-ing leakage." It constituted a grave challenge to the Church. While Churchmen continued to think chiefly of the respectable few in the front pews, the young people were being lost. In the London diocese alone 16,000 boys and girls had been lost from Bible classes since the war, 10,000 from the Church Lads' Brigade, nearly 4,000 from the Girls' Friendly Society, and 8,000 from the senior Bands of Hope. These figures

were typical of the whole country. There were 3,000,000 lapsed communicants. The overwhelming cause of this state of affairs was the lack of influence in the home. People overlooked the fact that the post-war adolescent was a different creature from the pre-war. They had skipped a whole generation. There was in the home to-day a conflict between youth and age which would not exist if youth were properly trained and age sympathetic. When they were up against the problems of life, our boys and girls did not want "peptonized Sunday school lessons and wishywashy stuff." (Hear, hear.)

The Bishop of Whitby said that the vitally important time of sex teaching was not only the age of puberty. There was an opportunity when the little ones began to ask questions and wonder "where baby came from." That was the time to tell the story of life in a perfectly simple way, instead of putting children off with silly answers about something coming down the chimney, and the doctor arriving with a bag.

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The Conservatives have been

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The treaty should be ratified by

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Redwood backs Clarke leadership

■ The Tory leadership race moved towards a bitter climax last night after John Redwood plunged the Right into disarray by hacking Kenneth Clarke and provoking Baroness Thatcher into endorsing William Hague.

With the outcome likely to come down to only a handful of votes Mr Hague and Mr Clarke, boosted by a deal that will mean Mr Redwood becoming Shadow Chancellor if he wins, were engaged in a final brutal battle... ... Pages 1, 2

Handbag reinforcement for Hague

■ She stood at the St Stephen's entrance to the Commons, the only non-royal woman in Britain it is unnecessary to name: it is sufficient to mention the blue suit, the coiffe and the handbag...Beside her stood a colleague with blonder hair but less of it, and no handbag. Matthew ParrisPage I

Labour suspend MP

Bob Wareing, the Labour MP for Liverpool West Derby, was suspended from the party as a result of "serious allegations" that he failed to register a financial matter in the Register of Members' ... Page 1 Interests

Wimbledon walk

Tennis fans will have to park their cars nearly a mile from the All England club because of fears that the Wimbledon championships will be the target of an IRA bomb scare Smuggler jailed

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Jonathan Tokeley-Parry, 46, an

A dose of Ecstasy at the weekend

results in a hangover so severe it lasts until the middle of the next ..Page 4

'Betrayed' generation A generation of people is growing old with a strong sense of betrayal and injustice at the dismantling of free National Health Service carePage 8

NHS complaints

A record number of complaints has been made about the National Health Service by patients fed up with delays, incompetence and bad management Page II

'Green' Bluebird

Donald Wales, the godson and nephew of Donald Campbell and grandson of Sir Malcolm, who between them broke more than 20 speed records, is seeking a world record in an electric

Meagre treaty

The Treaty of Amsterdam was greeted across Europe as a meagre achievement that exposed the disarray among the 15 memberstates but was also notable for British concessions .. Pages 14, 15 Trubute to Major

Paddy Ashdown paid tribute at John Major's swansong by describing him as privately "unfailingly straight"..... Page 14

French porn swoop French police carried out dawn raids on over 800 homes and arrested more than 600 people in

a nationwide search for child pornography Page 16 Pol Pot 'surrenders' Pol Pot, who ranks with Hitler and Stalin as one of the most brutal figures of the 20th century.

was reported to have surrendered

to former comrades Page. 17 Korea threat

North Korea issued a stark warning that it would wage a "final battle" with the United States and South Korea, which it accused of secretly planning an imminent

Boy's invention breaks medical mould

A schoolboy's invention may eventually banish plaster of Paris from accident and emergency departments. Adam James, 18, designed a wrist brace as an A-level project at Y Pant Comprehensive School in Pontyclun, South Wales. He was at the Royal Society vesterday to demonstrate his device as part of the New Frontiers in Science exhibition.....



Tony Cargill, 14, the Scottish National Dance Champion, rehearses with Highland dancers yesterday for this year's Edinburgh Tattoo

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Gas bills: Gas bills are to be cut by £29 a year after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission endorsed and toughened pricing plans for the country's gas pipeline network

£20m regulation: Creating a regulatory body to police the City of London and protect investors could cost \$20 million... ...Page 27

Collision course: The Treasury and European Commission are on collision course over rules that cover tendering for £10 billion of Government contracts

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 25.2 points to close at 4657.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 100.2 to 100.0 after a rise from \$1.6377 to \$1.6396 but a fall from DM2.8388 to DM2.8311 Page 30

Cricket: England are determined "to change history" when they take on Australia in the second Test at Lord's after their nine-wicket win in the first TestPage 52

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Rugby union: The British Isles selectors must get the front-row of the scrum right if they are to stand a chance of combating the South Africa pack.

Racing: Rebecca Sharp, trained by Geoff Wragg and ridden by Michael Hills, sprang a 25-I surprise by winning the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot. Page 46

More troubles: Geoff Brown on the week's new movies, beginning with the comically glamorous Hol-

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Visible efforts: Four Weddings and a Funeral made the deaf actor David Bower a household face. Now he is lending his special talents to a Nottingham arts fes-

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Dispiriting: Twiggy and Dora Bryan strut and simper but fail to lift Tim Luscombe's revival of Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit in Chichester. ...Page 37

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Unhealthy fees: Are visitors to London being overcharged for medical care by doctors called to .Page 41

The German vision of Europe won the day at the Amsterdam summit. But because of compromises over the single currency and the social aspects of Europe, including job creation, the Europe which emerged from the summit is cloudier and less transparent than ever. It was a Europe of ambiguity. misunderstandings and delays, with

for many years

Wales - Lady Tryon seemed to have it all. Yet behind that golden MAGNUS LINKLATER façade lay a story of suffering and . Page 21

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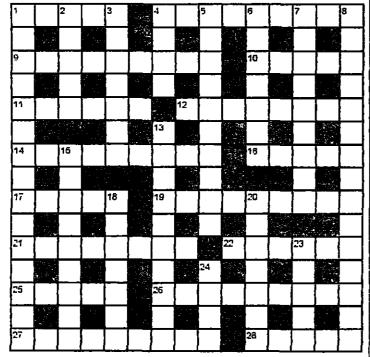
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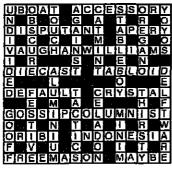
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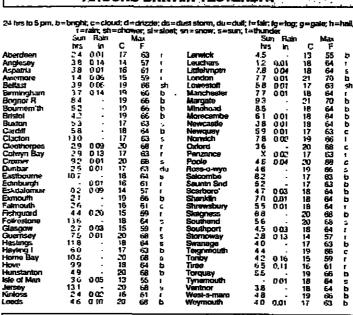
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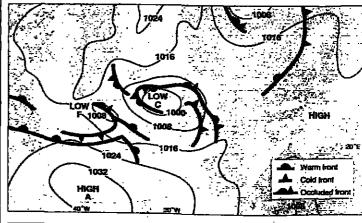
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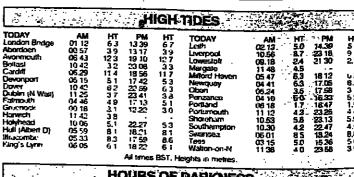
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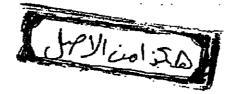
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THURSDAY JUNE 19 1997

City braced for further rate increase

By Alasdair Murray

THE CITY is convinced there will be a further rise in interest rates next month, after new data showed high street spending surging to its highest level since 1988.

Retail sales volumes in May rose by an annual rate of 5.3 per cent, the largest increase since November 1988. The less volatile quarterly figures also showed volumes rising at their fastest since July 1988.

Economists said the Bank of England would almost certainly make another rate rise, to add to the two quarter-point rises made over the last two months, unless Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, acted to curb consumer spending with tax rises in the Budget.

The unexpectedly strong retail sales figures, coupled with continuing concern over corporate tax changes in the Budget and another decline on Wall Street, sent the stock market lower for the third consecutive day.
The FTSE 100 closed 25.2

points down at 4.657.0 - 125 below the record closing high set last Friday. The pound fell from DM2.8388 to DM2.8311 and sterling's trade-weighted index closed down 0.2 at 100.0 because of profit taking.

Warm weather and postelection consumer confidence were the main driving force behind the surge in high street sales. All sectors reported gains, although growth was most marked in households goods, where sales rose by 8.2 per cent from May last year, and clothing and footwear sales, which increased at an annual rate of 8.6 per cent. But the retail sales deflator,

which provides a guide to the level of price inflation on the high street, rose only 0.6 per cent, suggesting that retailers are still finding it difficult to pass on price increases.

Economists gave warning that the retail sales figures contained only a small measure of extra spending from building society windfalls and that growth is set to remain

Pension benefits 'face tax threat'

HALF of Britain's final salary pension funds could be pushed into deficit if the Government scrapped the tax credit on dividend income, according to Paul Greenwood, research actuary at William M. Mercer (Paul Durman writes). He said cancellation, strongly rumoured to be a key proposal of Gordon Brown's first Budget next month, would weaken

strength of pension schemes by 15 or 20 per cent. Companies would either have to increase contributions, or seek to reduce future benefits. Tempus, page 30

strong in the coming months. Simon Briscoe, director of research at Nikko Europe, be on Mr Brown to hit consumers with a "windfall windfall tax". But Richard Jeffrey, UK economist at Charterhouse, said that any tax moves in the Budget were likely to be insufficient to halt consumer spending growth. He forecast that the Bank is

set on an "aggressive course of action", resulting in rates rising as high as 8 per cent by the end of the year. The money market expects rates to rise only to about 7 per cent by the end of the year.

The minutes of the May 6 monetary meeting, the last to be published under the old monetary policy system, show that Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. advised the Chancellor to make only a quarter-point rise in rates because he was concerned a half-point rise would provoke "an exaggerated market reaction".

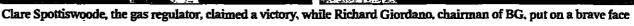
The meeting took place on the same day that Mr Brown announced his plan to give operational independence to the Bank of England.

Mr George said that al-though he ultimately favoured a half-point rise, he felt it would be better to defer part until the following month. The Bank would also then be able to take into account subsequent movements in sterling and listen to the advice of the new members of the Bank of England monetary policy The Chancellor admitted

that he was worried that if inflation was allowed to accelerate, "stronger remedial action would be necessary later". Mr Brown accepted the Bank's advise to raise rates by a quarter point. The monetary policy committee took the opportunity to increase rates by another quarter point to 6.5 per cent after its inaugural meeting earlier this month.

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BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY NDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

GAS bills are to be cut by £29 a year after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission endorsed and toughened pricing plans for the country's pipeline network in a move that could lead to thousands of job losses.

The decision was claimed by Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, as a vindication of her formula which was bitterly opposed by British Gas. But the adjudication gave a little ground to BG, the demerged and renamed British Gas which covers the Transco pipeline operation, by allowing the company more operating

MMC endorses and toughens gas price curbs

fewer demands on how it spends its money.

The pricing controls apply to how BG delivers gas from the shore to the home or factory. Centrica, the demerged supply side of British Gas, is obliged to pass on the cost reductions through

licence obligations. Comvying for business against BG in areas where competition has been started are expected to pass on the reductions to keep prices low.

The price cuts will start to operate in October and then feed into bills. Because the curbs will be progressive over

five years the cut in an average annual gas bill of £325 will be £54 at the end of that period.

The MMC also reduced the asset value of BG. Ofgas had proposed a value of £12.4 billion, while the MMC declared a £11.6 billion value. BG said the MMC's decision was tough but workable.

The decision was welcomed by rival gas suppliers and the Gas Consumers Council. But one of the main unions representing gas workers con-demned the ruling, saying it could affect investment and

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Brent 15-day (Sep) \$17.95 (\$18.20)

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Inefficiency

Banks, building societies and insurance companies were accused of charging customers an extra £8 billion a year because of their administrative inefficiencies and out-of-date technology.

Italian bid

A UK investment company will discover tomorrow whether its audacious bid to become the first foreign owner of a top Italian football club has been successful.

New SIB's cost could reach £20m

By ROBERT MILLER

THE cost of creating a new "Super SIB" to police the City and protect investors could cost £20 million.

The Securities and Invest-ments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, yesterday con-firmed that McKinsey, the US management consultant, and Kinsley Lord, part of the Towers Perrin Group, have been appointed as consultants to a new SIB project team.

Further consultants are expected to be retained to advise on property and information technology. Kinsley Lord's brief is to study the staffing levels and pay and conditions for the 1.500 combined staff at the beefed-up watchdog.
The £20 million bill will

include finding a single office and extracting the regulators from their existing leases, installing new computer equip-ment and the drawing up of a new Financial Services Act.

UK may face legal action on tendering agreements

THE Treasury and the European Commission are on a collision course over the latter's threat to take legal action against framework agreements, the rules that cover tendering for an estimated EIO billion of government and quasi-government contracts.

The Commission wrote to the Treasury last month saying the way most government departments, local authorities and other bodies, such as health service trusts, contract out services breaches the Services Directive, which came into effect in July 1993.

Brussels is threatening to take the UK Government to the European Court of Justice unless it drops the use of framework figreements. In these, government bodies strike deals, typically lasting for three years, with a panel of anything up to 20 contractors that are permitted to hid for that are permitted to bid for contracts which would fall City Diary, page 31 | under the agreement. Typicalof less than £1 million. Although the agreements

are advertised in the European Journal and anyone can bid to be put on the panel, the Commission says they are anti-competitive and that all contracts worth more than £108,677 should go to tender. The Treasury is taking legal

advice and will reply next month. Computer Weekly claims the Commission told the Treasury informally of its action in January.

Contractors argue that getting rid of the agreements would bring the process of contracting to a standstill. Ian Whatmore, head of

government practice at Andersen Consulting, said: "If you had to go to the European Journal for every piece of government business the Government would not be able to procure anything because of the time taken and the cost." At the same time,

ly these would have a a value Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, admitted yesterday that the Commission was struggling to cope with the growing number of complex merger and acquisition

investigations.

He said the Commission faced "a very serious problem" and blamed a lack of resources in the competition directorate. He pointed to the pressures of assessing a rising number of transport mergers, including the BA/American Airlines tie-up, and the extra caseload resulting from the expansion of the EU.

The backlog of competition cases grew to 1,200 last year from less than 1,000 in 1995, the Commission's annual re-port on competition policy says. The report predicted about 150 merger and acquisi-tion deals would be filed this year, including the Guinness/GrandMet merger, compared with 125 last year.

TV groups in talks for **BDB** stake

BY ERIC REGULY

CARLTON and Granada are negotiating to buy BSkyB's stake in British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), believing the satellite broadcaster's pres-ence in the group could jeopardise its chances of win-

ning a digital-TV licence.

BDB is owned equally by Cariton, Granada and BSkyB. The latter is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. BDB plans to launch dozens of digital terrestrial TV channels next year if it is awarded a broadcasting licence this summer by the Independent Television Com-

Concerns about BSkyB's role in BDB followed a report that the ITC could rule BDB out of the contest if BSkyB remains a shareholder. Part of the ITC's mandate is to examine competition issues. BSkyB is the dominant satellite broadcaster and Carlton and Granada dominate ITV. BSkyB shares fell 45p to

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Nationwide calls a halt to new accounts



Hardern: £1.000 for every saver

By Anne Ashworth

THE Nationwide Building Society has announced that it will no longer be opening savings accounts for new customers. The society, beset by speculawrs, has experienced huge inflows of cash in the past fortnight. It is likely that new customers will remain banned until after the society's annual

meeting on July 24.

Carpethaggers have been attracted to the Nationwide by speculation that it would be the next society to convert into a bank, despite its often-restated commitment to mutuality. In recent days account opening has been running at five times the normal rate. Last week it was revealed that

Goldman Sachs, the merchant bank-ers who are working on secret defence plans for the society, had put a £7 billion valuation on the Nationwide.

Meanwhile a band of dissident savers, led by Michael Hardern, a freelance butler, is attempting to gain seats on the Nationwide board to force the society to convert. Mr Hardern has promised that savers will get £1,000 apiece if his ambitions are achieved. Members will vote on the dissidents' bid for directorships at the agm.

This morning Mr Hardern will elaborate on his plans. Last night he welcomed the move to bar new customers: "Every new membership cuts the size of the windfalls to be distributed to the existing members."

Earlier this week Nationwide tried to stem the tide of cash by raising the minimum investment. Aspiring customers have also been forced to make appointments to open accounts, some six weeks hence. These will be honoured. Account application forms will also be accepted, as long as they are received by close of business on June 25.

The Nationwide said that it was barring new customers to preserve the standard of service for its existing clientele. However, observers believe that the Nationwide wishes also to limit the number of speculators, as they would be likely to support Mr Hardern. Only those who joined the society before April will be entitled to vote at the

Fund managers fear big stock market fall

AS the FTSE 100 index of Britain's biggest companies fell for the third consecutive day yesterday, leading fund managers increasingly fear the stock market is heading for its first

big fall since Labour won power. Fund managers believe dividend tax changes rumoured to be in next month's Budget could wipe 5 or 10 per cent from the value of the UK market. The FTSE 100 has already fallen more than 2.5 per cent from last Friday's close of 4,783.1, ending yesterday at 4,657. It stood at 4,445 when Labour

took power in May. The suggested tax changes will prevent pension funds and charities from claiming the 20 per cent credit they currently receive on dividend payments. This would effectively reduce the return pension funds can earn on UK shares, and would prompt them to switch their money into fixed-interest securities or invest it overseas.

One firm, a leading manager of unit trust and personal equity plan money, said: "This is bad news for British savers and bad news for

However, other firms take the view

building societies could save

almost £2 billion by switching their account, even after tak-

ing into account redemption

The survey was carried out

by Business Strategies Ltd, the

consultant. It found that tradi-

tional providers had antiquated back offices and costly

branch networks that were

staffed and funded by charges

the Association of British In-

surers (ABI) gave warning that some direct insurers

could go out of business in the

current competitive trading environment. While compos-

ite insurers could offset under-

writing losses with other

income, direct insurers are

Customers pay an extra £950 million in household

insurance because they tend to

buy products from their mortgage provider without shop-

ping around, the survey found. Hidden charges in

travel insurance cost holiday-makers E310 million, while

uncompetitive unsecured

loans cost them £150 million.

Even in motor insurance,

where rates are already very

competitive, car owners could

be £605 million better off by

going direct and avoiding

paying commission to bro-

Direct Line, the biggest

motor insurer in the country

with 22 million customers,

pioneered selling insurance by

telephone in the 1980s. Recent-

ly, however, it has seen profits fall because of a huge influx of

rival direct insurers who have

snatched market share by

aggressive price undercutting.

Business Strategies Ltd. said:

"Over the past 15 years the

financial services industry has

seen many changes, including

the use of technology and the

transition from branch to tele-

phone methods of selling. We

By JON ASHWORTH

SIR DONALD GOSLING and Ronald

Hobson, co-founders of National Park-

ing Corporation (NPC), which owns

Green Flag insurance and National

Car Parks, are adding £15 million each

to their considerable personal fortunes.

The pair, who made their money

converting Second World War

bombsites, are the main beneficiaries

of a special £41.7 million dividend.

payable next month. They speak for 73

Richard Holt, a director of

kers, it was claimed.

vulnerable, the ABI said.

The report comes a day after

levied on customers.

that a market correction is overdue. Stan Pearson at Scottish Widows said: "We expect a correction in the US and the UK. [which] is merely living off Wall Street. The [tax] situation is just a catalyst that helps

that along."

He believes that the City's forecast for the growth in company profits will have to be downgraded for the third year running, from an average of 10 to perhaps 7 per cent this year. With the dividend credit threat and the prospect of rising interest rates, "it's not a

vonderful backdrop for equities". Mr Graham Wood, head of UK equities at Standard Life, believes a market consolidation would be healthy after its extremely strong run. Although the market might fall 10 per cent if dividend credits are abolished, he said this would not have a lasting impact unless the market takes it as a signal that the Labour Party is turning anti-busi-

ness and anti-profits". This might happen if the move was accompanied by a particularly befry

Robert Buckland, UK equity strategist at HSBC James Capel, also believes the market could quickly

resume its upward movement after an initial fall.

He said: "Most of us would see a fall in the market as quite healthy. There is a lot of money sitting on the sidelines waiting for something like that to happen.'

Budget fears are not the only concern hitting the stock market. The investment head of one large life insurer said that investors are adjusting their portfolios after making heavy investments in Alliance & Leicester and Halifax, the two former building societies that recently joined the stock market.

WORLDWIDE sales of uncut diamonds increased in the first half of the year, in spite of tough trading conditions in Japan, the world's second-biggest market for diamonds

The Central Selling Organ-isation (CSO) in London,

owed by continuing uncertainty over Russia, which was pushed out of the CSO last December after sustained "leakage" of Russian gems. It is estimated that up to \$1 billion in Russian gems has bypassed the CSO in each of

the last three years. The CSO is hopeful of clinching a new agreement with Russia, which is restrucinside the club."

in demand despite difficult conditions

after America.

Between 70 per cent and 80 per cent of the world's diamonds pass through the CSO, which is controlled by De Beers, the South African mining group. Licensing delays have served to limit Russian exports, while renewed fighting in Angola, coupled with higher than normal seasonal rainfall, has affected supplies from the region. The civil war in Congo has caused further

Retail diamond sales are mixed. America, which accounts for about 34 per cent of world retail jewellery sales, is experiencing growth of about 7 per cent. Japan. with 28 per cent of the market, remains flat. Sales are up in the UK and Germany, but sluggish in France and Italy. Korea is ilat,

Japan."
The figures are overshad-

turing its diamond industry. Mr Capon said a draft agreement was ready for consider-ation, adding: "On the right terms, we'd prefer them to be

which manages the supply of rough (uncut) diamonds to world markets, reported sales of \$2.88 billion in the first six months of 1997, a rise of 4.8 per cent on the same period last year. The higher sales reflect the strength of the CSO's distribution network. along with increased market share due to reduced flow of

while Taiwan is recovering.

Tim Capon, a director of De
Beers, said: "We're not going to see significant growth this year, and won't until we start to see encouraging signs out of

The CSO reported sales of \$4.8 billion last year.

Diamonds

By JON ASHWORTH

diamonds from other sources.

disruption.

Inefficiency adds £8bn to charges, says survey

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

BANKS, building societies and insurance companies stand accused of charging customers an extra £8 billion a year because of their administrative inefficiencies and outof-date technology.

By far the greatest chunk of fees and commission charged to customers is taken out of instant access savings accounts, where rates are often poor. According to a survey commissioned by Direct Line, the telephone insurer, Britons could be £4 billion better off if they switched their £200 bilcounts to a direct provider.

The survey suggests that those people with mortgages from the high street banks and

AA joins ranks of the utilities

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY CORRESPONDENT

THE AA has forged an ScottishPower, the multiutility, that will enable the motoring organisation to market electricity, gas and water to its six million

The deal is the largest joint initiative yet announced, as companies prepare for the competitive market in electricity, due to start in April, and gear up for further roll-outs of competition in the gas market. Other links are being forged between utilities and retailers or service-providing companies that have big consumer datahases, but most are at the trial stage

Details of the offers will not be outlined until August in the AA magazine but they will include a combined package of energy provision and AA

lan Robinson. Scottish-Power chief executive, said the link "will move us towards our goal of offering a complete energy package across the

United Utilities, the northwestern multi-utility, also furthered its plans to sell energy nationwide with the creation yesterday of a separate brand -ENERGI - to market its products.



and services company, and Ann Wilson. finance director, yesterday reported a 31 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to E&S million for the a Malaysian-built car, the Nippa, in August.

per cent of shares in NPC, neming them

about £30 million, to be divided

equally. The remainder will enrich

institutional investors, including Pru-

dential and Royal Insurance, and other

It is thought that NPC is seeking to

pre-empt punitive tax changes in the

forthcoming Budget. At present 25 per

cent of net dividends are paid in advance corporation tax (ACT) as a

credit against future tax liabilities. It

been suggested that Gordon

Motor Holdings, the automotive distribution 11.2p a share. The total dividend is up 8 per cent to 5.6p. for a 3.3p final. Turnover rose to £390 million (£345 million). EMH is to begin selling

Capital Corp to buy casino

By Fraser Nelson

CAPITAL CORPORATION. which escaped a £200 million hostile takeover bid from rival London Clubs International two months ago, is poised to buy a third casino in London for £25 million.

suspect that these changes are The company, which runs just the beginning, and the traditional branch and agentfrom two casinos in Mayfair. hased distribution networks has acquired options to buy are under serious threat." The Cromwell Mint casino in

South Kensington. It intends to repeat the success of its Colony Club, which sharply increased the spend per gambler after a £26 million refurbishment.

However, it will not make any firm plans until Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, rules that it is safe from a second bid from Lon-

though LCI dropped its takeover attempt in April, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is still in the process of ruling whether the takeover would have been anti-competitive. A report is due next month and Mrs Beckett is expected to make a ruling in the autumn.

don Clubs International. Al-

NPC founders net a further £15m each

Brown, the Chancellor, will seek to abolish ACT or reduce the rate. The founders shared £132 million in

special dividends in 1995 - soon after a deal to sell the company fell through. A buyout team put together a £600 million package, but the shareholders held out for more.

Announcing the completion of reorganisation. NPC confirmed it was on course to seek a full stock market listing by the summer of 1999.

NPC's pre-tax profits rose 83 per cent

to \$46.1 million in the year to March 28. on sales up 6.5 per cent to £329.1 million. Profit comparisons are distorted by exceptional costs and accounting changes. A more accurate indicator is underlying profitability, which advanced 10.3 per cent.

Profits from car parking activities trading, confusingly, as NCP - rose 29 per cent to £34 million. Green Flag's profits were £17.3 million (£14 million).

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Complaints to PIA reach record level

COMPLAINTS to the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) ombudsman bureau reached record levels last year and the financial services industry is still beset by the problem of misselling, the PIA's principal ombudsman said yesterday. Stephen Edell, launching his annual report, said cases received had jumped 60 per cent since April 1996, reaching a high of 4.310. The total awarded to aggrieved investors rose from £2.5 million to E4.3 million. Most complaints were made on the grounds of unsuitable sales. The PIA ombudsman bureau said some of the increase was because of a takeover of business

from the insurance ombudsman.

Mr Edell said that mis-selling remained a cause for concern: The majority of cases related to allegations of breaches of the best advice rules. Plainly, this issue remains a serious one from the point of view of consumers and, in my view, from the point of view of the industry." The "best advice" rule requires companies to provide clients with products suitable to their needs. Mr Edell identified endowment policies, whole of life policies and income bonds as products most widely mis-sold.

Monarch chief quits

ANTHONY CIALI, chief executive and president of Monarch Resources, resigned yesterday. Michael Beckett, chairman, said he will assume Mr Ciali's duties pending the appointment of a replacement. Monarch also announced that it is to close its Princeton, New Jersey, office on August 31. Mr Beckett said: "The closing of the office and the reorganisation of the management are the first steps in addressing the challenges as a result of the continued depressed price of gold."

Metal traders fined

EIGHT metal traders and two warehouse companies have been fined a total of EISI,000 by the London Metal Exchange for breaching technical regulations over the warehousing of aluminium. Standard Chartered, Rudolf Wolff, Lehman Brothers, Barclays Metals, Billion, ED & F Man, Gerald and Lazmet were fined between £1,000 and £25,000, while C Steinweg-Handelsveem BV Rotterdam and C Steinweg-Warehousing Singapore were ordered to pay a total of £100,000.

Willis Corroon sells

WILLIS CORROON, the insurance broker, is to sell the Willis Faber & Dumas (Agencies) Lloyd's members' agent operation to its management for an undisclosed sum. The agencies provides advice and management to 689 individual Lloyd's names, 7 per cent of the total active individual membership, and to two corporate capital vehicles, which in aggregate provide £430 million of underwriting capacity, more than 4 per cent of the total Lloyd's capacity for 1997.

Philip Harris higher

PHILIP HARRIS, supplier of educational, scientific and medical equipment, had pre-tax profits of £4.4 million for the year to March 31, up from £3 million before tax and exceptional items the previous year. It benefited from J Sainsbury's campaign to provide equipment to schools, although sales of science education equipment were disappointing. Adjusted earnings rose to 25.9p a share from 19.6p. The total dividend rises to 10p from 8.2p, with a 7p final.

Chief sells off shares

MARCELO GUMUCIO, chief executive of Micro Focus, yesterday netted a profit of £889,000 after exercising options and selling shares in the company. He sold 74,500 shares at £18.45 each, raising £1.37 million. He paid £485,000 for the shares. The company said that he needed the money to pay for his move from Minneapolis to California. Mr Gumucio joined Micro Focus in January 1996 from Memorex-Telex. He holds options over a further 660,500 shares.

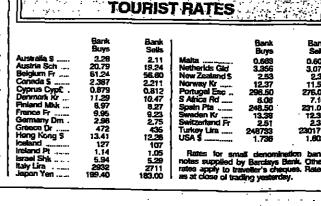
Virgin venture date

THE FIRST shop of Virgin Cosmetics, one of two retail ventures co-owned by the AIM-listed Victory Corporation and Richard Branson's Virgin, is set to open at the beginning of October on London's Oxford Street. Three more openings will follow by Christmas. The other venture, the Virgin Clothing company, is due to launch its lines next year. Victory yesterday reported a loss before tax of £3.7 million in the 11

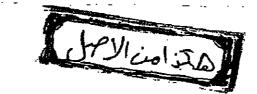
Sutcliffe, Speakman up

months to March 31, as forecast.

SUTCLIFFE, SPEAKMAN, the chemicals and environmental engineering company. lifted pre-tax profits to £4.6 million from £2.36 million in the year March 31, in spite of difficult trading conditions. The company also incurred an exceptional charge of £650,000 against restructuring. Adjusted earnings were 2.63p a share, up from 2.58p. The total dividend is increased to 1.1p a share from 0.85p, with a final 0.67p.







Ms Spottiswoode has won most of the proposals that she

most of the proposals that she fought through the Monopolies and Mergers Commission; proposals which BG's directors de-

nounced in ever more excitable terms. Yet what a few months

ago would apparently have deci-

mated the company is now greeted by chief executive David Varney as "a stable regulatory

basis from which to move forward". This is a mite confusing. Companies fending off attacks on their potential earnings would

be failing in their duty to shareholders if they did not scream loudly about the appalling consequences that might ensue from such unfair treat-

ment: BG spiralled towards hysteria in its own defence. Why

then was the company so willing yesterday to accept the MMC ruling with mild mannered

In answer to this query, stu-dents of the new political reality whisper the dread phrase "wind-

fall tax". We must all wait for

Gordon Brown's Budget on July

2 to learn where he intends to go

gathering the funding for the

welfare to work scheme, but BG

must be on the list of stopping off

equanimity?

o. Sid can relax. Having been warned by the scare-mongerers on the board of BG that Clare Spottiswoode was intent on rape and pillage, shareholders are now being reassured that all the gas industry regulator was after was a mutually beneficial relationship.

Ms Spottiswoode has won

Haraders find

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any dip in trading: "In the last few weeks we have seen double-digit increases in like-for-like sales," he said He has no intention of selling more shares for some time, he said. He sold 200,000 shares at the start of last year, when the shares were at 225p. The shares fell 42p to 3402p yesterday.

gent. finance director, sold 35,000 shares, while Jim

West, another director, sold

25,000. They both retain a

0.4 per cent interest in the

Mr Piasecki insisted that

he had not sold because of

points. Might there be some

trade off between what the company will now hand back to gas users and what it will shortly be called upon to pass to Mr Brown? That would provide a more plausible explanation for the

emollient attitude of BG than does its figure work. The compa-ny's protestations that it had won almost as much as Ms Spottiswoode from the MMC failed to convince many analysts. Their ready reckoners showed BG having won less than a third of what it sought. Nonetheless, Sid's dividend, so

recently looking in danger of evaporation, now seems likely to suffer just a gentle shave. The spin doctors at BG have myriad reasons for why this is the case, ranging from productivity gains to a change in the treatment of depreciation. What ever Sid would have made of this, Alice would surely have spotted a few mirrors hard at work.

But few had ever really been convinced by the company's more hysterical outpourings, hence the strength of the BG share price while the MMC pondered Ms Spottiswoode's demands. The news of her virtual triumph actually sent the price

Gasmen turn to tact

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COMMENTARY by our City Editor

up by a few pence. This was a somewhat unjust reaction to an impressive, and unusual, triumph for a utilities regulator and a tribute to the public relations skills of BG. The company has come a long way since its disasters with Cedric Brown. Perhaps fittingly, Rich-ard Giordano, the BG chairman and the man who can claim to

have imported fat cats into

Britain despite the anti-rabies laws, was nowhere to be seen.

Brown must find right balance

The latest retail sales figures sent the markets into a spin yesterday, with talk that they highlighted the need for another rise in interest rates. But the economists who now determine the cost of money via the Bank of England's monetary policy committee will surely know better than to base their

judgment on this snapshot gauge

of consumer spending. This set of statistics is notorious for its regular revisions and incorporates seasonal adjustments that amount to the statistical equivalent of eye of dog and tail of newt.

Yet, stripping out the adjust-ments and looking not at the volume figure, which is the statisticians' favourite, but at the actual spending figure, it is clear that consumers have been spend-ing more. In May this year, they spent 6.3 per cent more than a year ago. There are numerous elements that can be factored in to explain this, not least the weather, the retailers' favourite explanation for all eventualities. May was a sunny month, good for sales of dresses and swim-suits: no prizes for guessing what

they will be saying about June.
The mutualisation windfalls must also have boosted spending. Although the compilers of the statistics insist that there statistics insist that they

detect no element of windfall splurging in the shops, there is no mechanism by which they would have done. But the credit card figures indicate that a fair amount of advance spending of gains yet to come has been taking place. Even getting the un-certainty of the election out of the

way may have encouraged a little

shopping celebration in some

It is rumoured that the figures are frightening Chancellor Gordon Brown — not a spendthrift himself, as his reluctance to splash out on a decent dinner acket demonstrates. But he should be wary of acting too harshly to dampen down the consumer boom. For what the latest figures also demonstrate is the tight lid on prices which the consumer is maintaining. The volume figures indicate that overall, retailers are only win-

ning sales by keeping price rises below the rate of inflation. House prices may be rocketing away, but in the shops, people are spending their money carefully. Retailers do not yet feel confident enough to bump up their prices to take advantage of any feel-good-factor that may be around. The task for Mr Brown in his imminent Budget will be to find a way of dampening con-sumer spending without bring-ing it to an abrupt halt.

Building problems for society hunters

If a new report is to be believed, customers are paying £8 billion a year extra for the privilege of being able to pop down to a local branch to do their banking, arrange a mortgage or buy insurance. That is a high price to pay for advice that is neither independent nor always appropriate.

Until recently, however, cus-tomers did not dream of questioning the sense of such an arrangement and companies were able to rely on such customer apathy to shift their uncompetitive products.

The arrangement did little to encourage innovation. Much of that £8 billion has gone on maintaining inefficient back offices. In many building societies and insurance offices technology is still used sparingly and staff

spend a large proportion of their working day shuffling paper.

By contrast, direct insurers can start with cheap greenfield sites and tailor-made computer systems. tems. Inevitably, such telephonebased operations are gradually eroding the traditional branch-based distribution of financial services. The report, you may have guessed, comes from one with a vested interest in talking up the merits of director selling Direct Line. But that £8 billion figure should give consumers

pause for thought.

It might also make Prudential and the other corporations interested in acquiring a building society think again. Who wants to acquire all those high street sites just as the boom in turning redundant banks into pubs is peaking?

Brewers Inntrigue

ALCHEMY, the new venture capitalist partnership led by Jon Moulton, has picked up a hundred and heart Allied Development of the Company o dred pubs from Allied Domecq for some £13 million. When at Apax, he spent months trying to buy Spring Inns, formerly part of Inntrepreneur, only to be beaten by Phoenix Inns, for-merly part of Inntrepreneur. Nine months on, that deal is still not completed. Some of the publicans involved share Mr Moulton's confusion over the delay.

BAe in JSF link

with Lockheed

By OLIVER AUGUST

Billiton intends to raise \$1bn after Gencor demerger

By Carl Mortished

BILLITON, the non-precious metal arm of Gencor, the South African mining group, intends to raise \$1 billion in a share offering after a listing of the company on the London

Stock Exchange. Gencor is demerging its non-precious metals opera-tions from the South African gold and platinum mines. The demerged entity, which is to be called Billiton, will comprise the alumininium, ferroalloys and base metals businesses. These include the metals businesses acquired two years ago, when Gencor bought Shell's subsidiary, Bil-

JUREK PlaseCKI, chair-

man and chief executive of

Goldsmiths, sold £1.38 mil-

lion worth of shares in the

jewellery company yester-

day to clear all his personal

debts, including money owed to Lloyd's of London.

Mr Piasecki said the cash

will pay off the £350,000 he

owes Lloyd's, with the rest

going to pay debts associated

with the buyout of Gold-

smiths from Oriflame in the

early 1990s. His total personal

debts were £1.2 million. After yesterday's sale of 400,000

shares at 345p, he holds 12 per

cent of the group. Steve Sar-

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liton, for \$1.2 billion. City analysts reckon the Billiton assets could be valued at about \$5 billion before the cash call. Mick Davis, Gencor's fi-

nance director, said that Billiton would be a major new mining company with access to capital markets, while Gencor would be left free to focus on the precious metal

Mr Davis said: The capital raising will be three to four times the size that would be possible for a South African company. It will enable us to act decisively."

Piasecki sells stake

to pay off debts

Gencor has been given ex-

emption from South African exchange controls to allow the demerger, which is being effected by the sale of the mining assets to Billiton in exchange for shares which will then be distributed to Gencor shareholders

Gencor also revealed the merger of its nickel interests with QNI, the Australian nickel producer, forming the world's fourth-largest nickel mining business. The combined business will be worth about \$1.7 billion and Gencor's 55 per cent interest will be transferred to Billiton on the demerger

Billiton's \$1 billion share offering will take place at the time of the floration, expected in early August, and will be lead-managed by UBS and Fleming. Mr Davis said the issue would add about 20 per cent to the value of the company. Billiton's operating profit for the nine months to March was \$428 million with

pre-tax profits to \$698 million. Aluminium accounts for about 40 per cent of Billiton and made profits of \$122 million in the nine-month period. Mr Davis said that aluminium had benefited from growth in price and the acquisition of Alusaf, the South African

aluminium company. Mr Davis said the company had capital projects totalling \$3 billion on the drawing board. However, the proceeds of the share offering could be applied to acquisitions, including pri-vatisation opportunities in Lat-



Steel firm planning

SHEFFIELD Forgemasters, the steel producer whose wares were intercepted en route to Iraq five years ago to make a suspected "supergun" for Saddam Hussein, is coming to the market.

The company, which was cleared of any wrongdoing by the Scott Report, is to float its aerospace division for around £60 million early next year. The float will be worth £14 million to the four men who masterminded its buyout from British Steel and Firth Brown. The company made a pre-

Tempus, page 30 | year to March 31.

after merging with McDon-nell Douglas. Boeing is BAe's main rival in commercial aerospace and also the only other manufacturer compet-ing to build the JSF. A US government decision on who will be asked to build the

to enter into a formal alliance

with Lockheed, the world's

counter the might of Boeing,

which will surpass Lockheed

The two will join forces to

biggest defence company.

BRITISH AEROSPACE has

Sir Richard Evans, BAe chief executive, said: "With a

aircraft is due in 2001.

chosen Lockheed Martin as its the JSF is the most significant bidding partner on the \$170 transatlantic military probillion joint strike fighter gramme of the 21st century." (JSF), the US military aircaft Norman Augustine, the chairman of Lockheed, said: for the next century and

requirement for 3,000 aircraft,

largest ever defence project.

The decision marks an im-"We will benefit greatly from BAe's capabilities. portant strategic move by BAe. The company is now set

BAe's own bid, which also included McDonnell Douglas, was rejected last year. If BAe had chosen to join the Boeing bid, its competitive position in commercial aerospace would have been undermined, insiders said.

The Lockheed team also includes Rolls-Royce, Allison, Pratt & Whitney and Northrop Grumman. British Aerospace will participate in all phases of development but its special expertise is in vertical take-off. The JSF will be an up-dated combination of the Harrier jump-jet and the B2 Stealth

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Retail sales figures raise fears of a new rate rise

BRITAIN went shopping in May and it looks like it will have to pick up the tab in July. with the prospect of another rise in interest rates growing by the day.

The stronger than expected retail sales numbers may be just the excuse Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, needs to push up rates by another quarter point when the monetary policy committee meets next month.

The economic news sank any hopes of a rally in the equity market and left gilts nursing sizeable losses on the day. At one stage, the FTSE 100 was 55 points down, but regained its composure and halved earlier losses despite an opening fall on Wall Street. It ended 25.2 down at 4,657.0, stretching the loss of the past two days to 88.1.

Sentiment continued to be undermined by the prospect of the Chancellor scrapping tax credits on dividend payments in the Budget. Brokers are forecasting further unsettled conditions ahead of Friday's "triple-witching" hour accompanying the expiry of the June

The biggest casualty among the top 100 companies was BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster in which News International, that owns The Times. has a sizeable stake. It finished 45p lower, or 7.94 per cent, at 52112p after reports that the Independent Television Commission would be ordering it to dispose of its stake in the British Digital Broadcasting consortium. Carlton Communications, up 912p at 5i912p, and Granada, down 9p at 852p, are the other two members of the consortium. Carlton is tipped to buy BSkvB's stake.

The news from BSkvB came just 24 hours after the announcement that Sam Chisholm, chief executive, was leaving for medical reasons.

NatWest Group, up 412p at 750p, has found a friend at last in Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. Johnny de la Hey, analyst, rates the shares a "buy", saying the group's current problems could eventually benefit shareholders.

the continuing threat of LVMH, its associate, to scupper its proposed £24 billion merger with Grand Metropolitan, Sp dearer at 586p. In a separate move on Tuesday. LVMH picked up 4.75 million shares in GrandMet amid



Shares in Morland, the brewer, are at a year's low of 525p

Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

levels".

stagnate.

suggestions it was another attempt to disrupt the merger. Some brokers claim it may may be the prelude for the French luxury goods group to negotiate a three-way tie-up, creating one of the biggest spirit and wine producers in the world. LVMH already has 14 per cent stake in Guinness, 2p firmer at 590p. BICC edged ahead 3p to 1821:p on the back of a "buy"

PHONE MARKET

VODAFONE fell 112p to

30lp in heavy turnover of

17.89 million shares. Jim

Ross at ABN Amro Hoare

Govett, the broker, says the

shares have come up from the 250p level and have

reached their target price of

He adds: "Now that the

market has started to come

off, the recent rally in the

shares has come to an end.

news fundamentally. Its

NatWest Securities, agrees:

Reaching 300p has been

the trigger point. They look

Mark Lambert at

been the best performer."

Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, while Siebe continued to henefit from this week's support from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, with a rise of 1212p at £10.01.

There was a strong bout of executive, sold a large parcel of shares. He has exercised his

recommendation from ABN

indigestion at Micro Focus as the price fell 45p to £18.3712 after Marcelo Gumucio, chief RINGING ALL THE RIGHT **NUMBERS IN THE MOBILE**

a bit expensive at these

Mr Ross says there are

worries that growth rates

among mobile phone com-

panies have begun to

*The market is still grow-

ing, but price tariffs are still

too high. Marketing efforts

are being concentrated on

switching customers from

the low technology ana-

logue phones to high-tech

per cent of Cellnet, is ex-

pected report a profits set-

back today. Orange fin-

Securicor, which owns 40

digital." he adds.

ished 4p off at 202p.

Firth Rixson continued to trade at a two-year high of 9514p. Albert E Sharp, the company's own broker, has raised its forecast for the current year from £10.1 million to £13.5 million. ☐ GILT-EDGED: The stronger than expected retail sales

numbers fuelled further speculation about another rise in bank base rates. Shorter-dated issues within the five-year range were the worst hit, with a flattening of the yield curve recorded among medium and longer-dated stocks.

£1131532 as \$5,000 contracts were completed. In longs. Treasury 8 per cent was £2132 off at £108116, while

□ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street also pulled back from earlier losses in morning tade and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 50.67 points lower at 7.710.11.

options on 2,000 shares at 605p and a further 72,500 at 653p, which he then sold in the market for £18.45. He still has options on a further 660,500

IES Group saw its price almost halved, with a fall of 5112p to 6812p after it issued a warning of first-half losses and a shortfall in both sales and profits for the year. Sales have been slow.

Bid speculation in First Leisure boiled over, with the price closing 412p easier at 346p. Talk earlier in the week suggested a bid may be on the way soon from Rank Organisation, 8p off at 37lp. First Leisure is due to unveil halfyear figures next week. Brokers are looking for a downturn in profits from £177.3 million to £161 million.

One company looking for better times is Morland, the brewer of Old Speckled Hen, whose shares stand at a low for the year of 525p. Only last week the group posted a useful increase in pre-tax profits and is confident about future prospects after a £12 million invest-

ment programme. FKI ended the session 312p lower at 181p in spite of a "buy" recommendation from UBS, the broker, in the wake of full-year figures at the top end of expectations. Earnings grew by 27 per cent during the

Still reflecting a recent doubling of profits to £6.5 million

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished E1932 down at

in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 lost \$3s at £1027s.

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Frankfurt: 3730.27 (-11.21)
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Central Pacific	481p (+18 ¹ p)
Carlton Comm	519 ¹ 2p (+9 ¹ 2p)
LASMO	269p (+8p)
BTR	203':p (+9':p)
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Monteagle	130p (+8p)
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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

mining sector was Rio Tinto
and precious little else.
The rationale for Billiton's
float is all to do with the
billion-dollar share offering
that was announced yester-
day. Gencor's South African
status leaves it ring-fenced
with exchange controls, but a
London residency will pro-
vide Billiton with the means
of raising capital and invest-
ing without the complication
of the South African Rand.
This is good for Billiton but
what will investors be pre-

Closing Prices Page 33

TEMPUS

End of the holiday

Tesco's Unbeatable Value

price campaign was great for

consumers, but terrible for

the bottom line. The cam-

paign began as the petrol

feeling this year is that as

soon as food prices begin to

rise, battle may again be

pared to pay for an ungeared

business with \$1 billion in

cash in a hot market?

Aluminium and ferro-alloys

makes up most of Billiton's

business. These cyclical com-

modities have done well re-

cently but there are worries

about the future. Beverage

cans are under attack from

plastic. Billiton's issue will

National Parking

CUSTOMERS at NCP car

parks mutter endlessly about

a "licence to print money" but

the real potential of National

need good marketing.

war ended and the

THE stock market is still blithely ignoring the potentially damaging impact of the abolition of the dividend tax credit. Investors in bull markets have a tendency to ignore negative information until it hits them in the face and worries about the tax credit remain worries until the Budget on July 2. However, some companies could be hard hit by the notional reform which many forecast could strip [4] billion of equity income from pension funds.

The risk is that removing the tax credit will end pension holidays, a major source of profit for companies whose pension funds contain huge surpluses. Worse still, those without surpluses may be required to make immediate capital injections under the Minimum Funding Requirement rules in the recent Pensions Act. Most major companies have defined benefit final salary schemes and such

funds are heavily skewed towards equities. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has identified some 27 companies that might need to make immediate cash injections to comply with MFR if the tax credit were removed. DKB's analysis, which is based on historic data and its own assumptions, indicates that Zeneca might need to make a cash injection of £275 million and BT same £700 million while Rolls-Royce would have to top up its fund by £219 million.

The overall effect on the equity market might be minimal. Given that actuaries will demand that pension funds be topped up, the cash flow lost from investments will be replaced by contributions that will then be invested. But will the new contributions be turned into equities or gilts? The latter look a better bet at the moment.

well under its new bosses,

who are keen to win their

spurs, renewed conflict is a

risk. The pressure on mar-

gins, rather than decreasing as inflation reappears, will

again increase as the grocers

discount fast-moving lines.

In that event, the weak will

Food Retailers

SUPERMARKET shares are caught between two schools of thought. One suggests they are undervalued and the other counsels investors to avoid them. The worriers point to food price deflation; all of the big grocers, barring J Sainsbury, admit that this is a problem. However, cyclical factors, including the dry weather, which should drive produce prices higher, mean that deflation could turn quickly to inflation. Credit Lyonnais Laing reckons food prices will be rising by around 4

per cent next spring. Hence, the case for the sector being undervalued, as imminent food price rises have not yet been factored into shares. But investors hoping for a rerating should not forget the industry's capacity to inflict self injury.

suffer the greatest injury, but ioined between the grocers. even the big players will feel Tesco once more leading the charge. With Tesco doing some pain. DEFLATED EXPECTATIONS

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Billiton

YOU know the market is hot when they rush for a listing. Gencor's flotation of Billiton, its non-precious metals business, will closely follow the RandGold flotation and the global offering of KGHM, the Polish copper mining company. Still, the market should be grateful for Billiton's London listing, which will give UK investors a choice of two diversified mining groups. For too long, the London Stock Exchange's mining sector was Rio Tinto

DOLLAR RATES

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Parking Corporation, which owns the concrete car boxes. is only now being revealed under new management. This is a cash flow mach-

ine; almost 80 per cent of its income is earned in immedithan 20 per cent is paid in advance in the form of season tickets. Top-line growth is not impressive so the trick is to minimise the amount of cash that disappears in overhead

and that is where Bob Mackenzie is making big progress, reducing costs by 13 per cent. When he joined two years ago, the company did not own a personal computer and he has been busy replacing paper-pushers with electronic systems in a bid to find out how much spare parking

capacity is in the system.

The answer is probably: a lot. For investors, this means that National Parking should be able to grow its top line with better marketing while reducing costs by another 8 to per cent. Yet, National Parking is not cheap, the Ofex price suggests the shares are trading on a forward multiple of about 18 times, assuming profits of £57 million. However, with earnings in the core business growing strongly, the rating property profits as an added extra. With city centre land gaining in value, this could become interesting.

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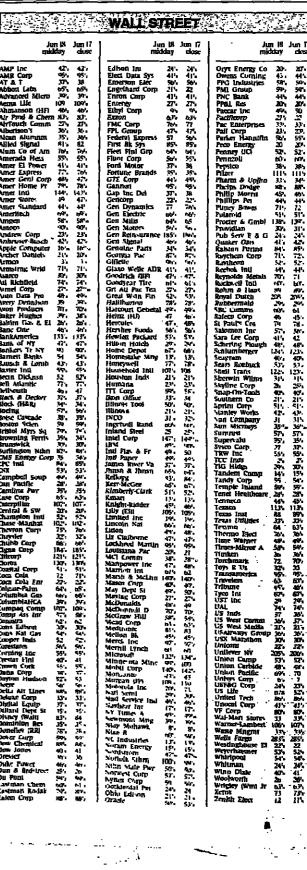
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STHURSDAYJUNE

ast Saturday, a fireraiser attacked the home of Sir Desmond Pitcher, the northwest industrialist and chairman of United Utilities. Sir Desmond is also the man dubbed king of the fat cats". Lest you thought this coincidence, a caller to a local newspaper, claiming to be the perpetrator, issued a threat that "all of the fat cats are terrorist targets". The police have urged precautions. Right-thinking people tut-futted, too late in the day.

How embarrassing. A news-paper, albeit one now defunct, first guyed utility "fat cats", a term since taken up by virtually all. They became hate figures when a new chairman of the now equally defunct British Gas plc brought in pay reforms that raised the basic pay of his chief executive by 75 per cent. At the time, British Gas was sacking employees in droves to meet regulatory demands and, in consequence, annoying its once-satisfied customers with lousy service. Another newspaper published an album of pictures of the homes of chairmen of utilities,

The Philippines was

privatisation programme pio-

neered by Baroness Thatcher.

Long before European govern-

ments contemplated taking

Lady T's medicine, the Asian nation put its assets up for sale and started torching its rule

Fidel Ramos, the right-wing president, came to power in 1992 and unleashed a truly

Thatcherite crusade. Last

night he showed off the results

to Margaret Beckett, the Presi-

dent of the Board of Trade, at

Lancaster House. As a new

Labour convert to the free

market, she was sincerely

flattered by so much imitation.

Times, Mr Ramos said: "We

have learnt very much from

the UK. This has made the

relationship between our two

countries much closer. Many

British companies now oper-

ate in our privatised

The Philippine privatisation

and deregulation programme

is being carried out in three co-

ordinated steps, explained Mr

Ramos, a graduate of West Point, the US military acade-

my. The first was the "sale of

non-performing government

assets", as he euphemistically

called the derelict power

in Manila was equivalent to

making deals in a sauna. The

capital constantly suffered so-

called brown-outs - power

cuts of up to 12 hours. No air-

conditioner could keep out in

tropical summer heat for that

long. Many foreign business-

men simply refused to visit the

Philippines. And those that

did, found many factories idle

Previous governments had

failed to invest in new power

stations. Mr Ramos made the

restoration of a reliable power

supply his first priority much like Lady Thatcher quickly disposed of the non-

performing National Freight

After the success of the

power privatisation, Mr Ra-

mos moved to step two of his

master plan, handing control

over other state assets to the

private sector and tearing up

Privatisation revenues grew

from around \$1 billion in 1992

to \$3 billion annually. The money came from selling off

transport, phone, steel, oil and

Simultaneously, banking

laws were liberalised, restric-

tions on currency transactions

were lifted and foreign owner-

ship rules were changed. Mr

inhibiting regulations.

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again due to the brown-outs.

Until 1992, doing business

In an interview with The

one of the first countries to copy the deregulation and

Fat cats become endangered species

including Sir Desmond's photogenic, easily traceable hall.

Newspapers were, however, bit

players in whipping up anger against bosses of privatised utili-ties. It was a Labour spokesman from the North West who called Sir Desmond the king of the fat cats". Ian McCartney is now Industry Minister with responsibility for corporate governance.

Sir Desmond took about E360,000 out of United Utilities in 1995-96, his chief executive a shade more. That is an awful lot, unless you work in investment banking, where hundreds get far more. Rightly or wrongly, it is average for a company of this size in the FTSE 100 share index. If you take the three companies nearest to but smaller than UU, the chief executive of a monopolistic building materials company took £390,000 plus conditional bonus, the chairman of an oil company was paid

£490,000 plus and the boss of an entrepreneurial conglomerate grossed £3 million, including £1.2

million pay.
Utility directors' pay became the subject of outrage orchestrated by the Labour party because it wanted to soften utilities up for a windfall tax. It laid down a massive propaganda barrage to prepare the way for Treasury infantry to move in and clean up. Others eagerly bought the popu-list line. John Major himself called pay rises "distasteful". Even Sir

Richard Greenbury's committee

on board pay, one of whose much higher-paid members is now a

government minister, cravenly but

conveniently concluded that most utility bosses might usefully be paid less than themselves. The windfall tax will punish shareholders, maybe customers but not directors, unless it hits performance bonuses. "Fat cats"



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remain visible objects of political envy because it is politi-cally necessary to penalise owners of infrastructure. After the £5 billion sequestered from BG shareholders yesterday, owners of electricity wires will surely be targeted to stop competition raising small customers' bills. Utility bosses make useful scapegoats for the ensuing job losses, leaving regula-

it surprising that some misguided person should attempt to exact vigilante justice on Sir Desmond or his rivals? They have been demonised yet seemingly set be-yond the law. Democracies have a well-tried remedy if they deem that some citizens have too much income for the public good. We tax it. Top incomes could easily be taxed at 50 per cent, or a bit more, without economic harm. But Gordon Brown has ruled out any rise in tax rates and meaner allowances would scarcely hit the rich.

Perhaps the Chancellor has some plan to make high pay non-deductible for companies. Perhaps Mr McCartney is even now drafting a Bill to force all quoted companies to pack their remuneration committees with Church of Scotland ministers. Perhaps training programmes funded by the windfall tax will flood the City with

likely, a self-consciously populist government needs enemies and needs to keep them warm. Critics, armed by the Greenbury committee, distinguish between

cash-worthy directors of ordinary "competitive" businesses and un-worthy bosses of "monopoly" worthy bosses of monopoly privatised utilities, who supposedly have a much easier job and deserve little. That contained a grain of truth for those who managed the same businesses in the public sector and were given sure-fire options at privatisation. Aside from a few classy exceptions. most of them have gone, some because they were not up to the much greater challenge of running a heavily regulated public company. Even Sir Richard, a tiger at Marks & Spencer, might have proved a rhinoceros at British Gas.

If utilities now offer less than the going rate for finance directors.

whose pay drives the rest of the boardroom, they will end up with second-rate managers. Indeed, top managers will increasingly demand more to run utilities to compensate for the aggro. Ministers may think second rate bosses are good enough. Shareholders have different ideas. Why should we settle for anything but the best to cope with a hostile world?

The market solution to the "fat cat" impasse, already gaining ground rapidly, is for utilities to cease being British public companies. Regional electricity or water companies are rapidly falling to foreign takeovers. These take di-rectors out of the public eye, And if you need managers to run opera-tions, not a whole public company. you can recruit them for less. BG and Centrica, remnants of oncegreat British Gas, may follow.

Once populists have driven our utilities into foreign hands, they will no doubt regret the loss of independence and UK control of such an important sector of the economy - as much as they now regret the attack on Sir Desmond.

Oliver August on the economic revolution in the Philippines

Three steps to privatisation heaven for the new Thatcherite



successive Tory governments that privatisation and deregulation had to go hand-in-hand.

But the Philippine programme has not run its full course yet. The third step is more far-reaching than anything Lady Thatcher ever attempted. The next enterprises targeted for auction include state pensions and social security funds.

During Mr Ramos's week-long visit in London, Britain has enjoyed the reflected glory of being the home of privatisation. But is there any money to be made from the Thatcher legacy? The Philippine President said Britain is more dominant in his country today

Fidel Ramos presides over a nation enjoying the benefits of unshackled growth than at any time since 1763. when the British empire held sway over the 7,800 islands in the South China Sea. "The UK was the biggest foreign inves-tor in the Philippines last year, surpassing even the US and Japan." Mr Ramos said. Many of the investment opportunities have arisen from

the privatisation programme.

BICC, a world leader in cable manufacturing, is participating in upgrading the privatised telecoms network with fibre-optic cables. Shell is taking advantage of deregulation in the oil and gas sector. Yesterday Mr Ramos witnessed the signing of Shell's \$4 billion deal for a Philippine

natural gas power plant. Other companies include GKN, Unilever, British Gas, Glaxo

and Marks & Spencer. The real windfalls, however, are being reaped by the financial institutions in the City of London who accumulated privatisation expertise over the last 15 years. After the relax-ation of bank laws, all big investment houses are setting up in Manila. One broker who has just returned after several weeks in the city said: Everbody is pumping big

sums into the Philippines." But some banks are gening out a lot more than others. The plum job of advising the Government on privatisation has yet again fallen to N M Rothschild. During the 1980s it advised Lady Thatcher on the flotation of the electricity companies and other privatisations. It is doing a repeat

performance for Mr Ramos. Overall, Jardine Fleming is Overall, Jardine Fleming is the largest foreign broking house in Manila. Business had been extremely buoyant — until yesterday. It emerged that the house is being investi-gated for alleged illegal short selling on the Manila stock

exchange.
Such incidents are relatively rare in the Philippines compared with other Asian stock markets notorious for their insider dealing. But the Jardine case does raise the question of how safe Philippine investments are and how the economy will behave when Mr Ramos, known as Steady Eddie, steps down in 1998.

Views are divided. David Kemp, the British Government's export promoter for the Philippines and a former employee of BICC, is optimistic that the country will continue to work towards the position it once held. It was the biggest economy in Asia in the 1950s. He said: "GDP growth stood at 7 per cent last year. It's a vibrant place. Construction is booming.

The broker who just returned from Manila is of a different opinion. "Some of the problems have only been solved superficially," he said. The free market is not totally there yet. When the reduction un gas prices after the reforms were lower than expected, they said they wanted to put a cap on every operators' profits. The free market has yet to break free from the grip of half a dozen powerful families whose conglomerates domi-

nate the economy." The families are a leftover from the Marcos era. The dictator reigned from 1965 to 1986 and destroyed his country's dominant position in Asia with his "crony capitalism" and by siphoning off millions of dollars to Swiss bank

accounts, Mr Ramos, who helped to overthrow Marcos, is still trying to get some of the money back. He said: "There are complex legal procedures to determine the ownership of the accounts. We have to pry the money out of the banks."

But with or without the money, the Philippines is enjoying the benefits of unshack-led growth. Mr Ramos said: "People call us the new tiger economy. But we don't have tigers in the Philippines. They would have to call us the young bull."

A touch more venom brought to 'slaying' of BG's newborn

Christine Buckley on the company's about-turn in its

fight with the regulator over Transco pricing proposals

ast year British Gas was spitting blood over pricling proposals for Transco, its pipelines operation. In vitriolic rages the company pronounced Ofgas's plan as: "One of the biggest smash and grab raids ever."

Ten thousand jobs would have to go, the business could not survive, the directors railed. In a particularly hysteri-

cal moment the pricing formula was likened to the action of King Herod, killing the newborn Transco. Something has been put in the company tea. BG, as the pipeline com-

pany has now become after British Gas's demerger, has had a biblical revelation while battling with the might of King Herod. It could not have been more conciliatory yesterday when the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission (MMC) not only endorsed the slaving of the newborn, but asked for it to be done with a little more venom serving om cais to cas tomers of £29 per year, compared with the £28 sought by Ofgas.

David Varney, BG's chief executive, was kitten-like. 'It is the umpire's verdict and we will work with that umpire's verdict," he said

While Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman, and Harry Moulson, the now departed managing director of Transco, had declared virtual war on Clare Spottiswoode, the regulator, Mr Varney said meekly: "This is a tough settlement, but -provided we continue to improve our efficiency one which we believe will enable us to manage and finance our business

effectively." It is a quiet end to a bitter battle, and an end that was not greeted by BG's main warriors yesterday. Mr Rogerson and Richard Giordano, the chairman. were absent from the proceedings, leaving Mr Varney to be served up as the acceptable face of BG.

The non-appearance of Mr Rogerson was more than a little surprising given that he had led the long and tortuous negotiations with the regulator and then made the plain-

6 One of the biggest smash and grab raids ever. The business could

tive representations to the MMC. At the onset of talks he condemned Ms Spottiswoode's regime as "ill-conceived and impractical" and "a very black day for Sid".

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Yesterday, had he appeared. Mr Rogerson would have had to say whether the proposals, as strengthened and tinkered with by the MMC, were those same measures that constitutand grab raids ever." He would have had to clarify his statement in 1996 that "this business cannot be run on the basis of these proposals".

Mr Moulson left BG last year on medical advice after the pressures of the job threatened to inflame a previous ailment. His contribution to the de-

bate was more fanciful than that of Mr Rogerson. In one of his last presenta-tions, accompanied by a video of a happy child at play, he said Transco — which was formed in 1994 — was a "child with a very bright future" but that King Herod was walking

the streets; "his [sic] proposals ... may have a disastrous effect upon this child. The draconian plans, which would, Mr Rogerson said, wreck the business, are now being implemented albeit

with some changes introduced by MMC. These alterations, largely to the operating expenditure, are considered by observers to be minimal, contesting BG's

ciaums they are signuicant As a pleasant and agreeable man, and one who presumably wants to keep his job. Mr Varney would not entertain for one moment the idea of condemning the rhetoric of his superiors and predecessors as rubbish. But rubbish spoken to whip up misplaced concern we must judge it to be. Backtracking at an astonishing pace is what we are

Ramos echoed the belief of Bank error

"INVESTMENT banking is all about fast, informed decision-making," burbles a half-page ad, appearing yesterday. How true. Decisions such as whether to drop £90 million on derivatives, for example. Whether to hand back all your bonus, or hang on to haif of it and hope that this will be judged sacrifice enough. Which senior executive should be forced to lay down his job for his superiors. Ah, decisions, decisions. Because it is



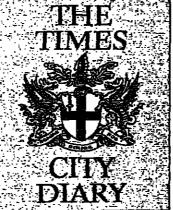
"Don't you just love being in control, just once"

worst week in its history to launch a graduate recruitment drive. Read on, and you will learn that NatWest is "a fast-growing investment bank". Last week, maybe. Those fast, informed decision-makers have changed their

■ NOT a whiff of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report into BG's pipelines leaked — not always the way with key MMC rulings. alas. Perhaps BG is well used to protecting against gas leaks. In the two weeks the company had to digest advance copies, only 20 senior personnel were allowed near them - and they had to return their reports nightly to a safe.

Bitter brew

THE alcopops row has rattled the cages at Bass. A senior executive has gone to George Howarth, Under Secretary at the Home Office, to a) suggest measures to combat the problem, or b) put up some special pleading for his brands and rubbish the others. You decide which. I know who he is but am honour-bound not to unmask him, such is the sensitivity. Bass is suggesting a four-point plan to keep the pops out of the hands of babes and infants "in con-



junction with" other measures by the Portman Group, the inelfectual drinks industry body that has made such a pig's ear of defending the stuff.

No suggestion that Bass is trying to distance itself from the Portman lot. Oh no. But the company attacks "irresponsible" brands that use drug and sexual innuendo or emphasise alcoholic effect. Which last, I suppose, must include Thickhead, launched by arch-rival Allied Domecq.

Logo crazy OVER to the BBC. Less than four months to go now, and counsellors are on hand to cope with the inevitable psychological trauma. On October 4 the new logo is born, as first for some weeks.

revealed in this column. Ariel, the staff newsletter, has printed no fewer than 12 contact numbers that staff can call in those dark hours before the dawn when the pressure is too great to bear. Interestingly, the paper mentions the £5 million cost of changing the logo, a figure which, as I recall, was being rather firmly talked down before. "Guidelines for

■ THERE'S new Labour. There's old Labour. Now Trade and Industry Minister Ian McCartney has a new category again. The diminutive corporate governance minister is introducing himself as a representative of "little Labour."

using the logo will be published in

September," Ariel concludes. Hang

on, chaps. Help is on the way.

Girl power

JOYCE GRENFELL lives on at the Girls' Public Day School Trust.
There has been rather a long silence from the Minerva Network owing to such excitements as our 125th anniversary celebrations," a letter trills. The City Group meets on July 9, when "Nicola Horlick will speak on her experience of combining a City career with raising a young family". At the time of her abrupt career change. "this issue of careers and children was raised though not fully explored in the ensuing press comment". Funny. I seem to remember we read of little else

No hitch HOW nice to see that Carol Sergeant's brush with Barings has done her career no lasting harm. As head of leading UK banks supervision at the Bank of England, her department's role in granting an "informal concession" to the bank to exceed its 25 per cent limit on exposure to Far East markets came under scrutiny in the official report into the collapse. Sergeant was yesterday named as one of the Bank's representatives on a new ten-person (!) committee to look into

the question of a City super-regulator.



Ian McCartney: the corporate

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UK firm poised to take over Italian football club

By ADAM JONES

A UK investment company, which was behind unsuccessful bids for Wembley Stadium and the Trocadero in the West End of London, will discover tomorrow whether its audacious bid to become the first foreign owner of a top Italian football club has been successful.

Stellican, a private firm that had a turnover of £276,000 in 1996, has just one more obstacle to overcome before taking over Vicenza, the Italian Cup winners which also finished eighth in Serie A, the country's

premier league, last season. The fate of the club, from northwest Italy, has been placed in the hands of a hankruptcy court after Trevitex, the owning family's textile company, folded.

Stellican specialises in buying distressed companies and was also involved in an unsuccessful bid to refinance Wernbley Stadium in 1995.

The firm is the European representative of Apollo, the US vulture fund run by Leon Black, a former coileague of Michael Milken, the

Cammell Laird on the path to market flotation

By OUR CITY STAFF

CAMMELL LAIRD published a pathfinder prospectus yesterday for a stock market flotation that is expected to value the ship conversion and repair specialist at about £20 million.

The institutional placing is expected to raise between E3 million and £4 million of new money. The placing is being sponsored by Beeson Gregory. The company has raised pre-tax profits from £175,000 in the year to April 30, 1995 to £2 million in the year to April 30, 1997. Over the same time, sales grew from E11.5 million to E22.6

John Stafford, chief executive, said: "We believe that flotation will offer Cammell Laird significant benefits as it enters its next phase of development, particularly as the yard's additional dry dock capacity comes on stream later in the current year. We intend to expand the technical services department, and plan additional expenditure on the

site to enhance both the scope and productivity of our service.

The flotation proceeds will also be used to carry out work on the site at Birkenhead, Merseyside, including the installation of cranes. The board will also consider further acquisitions to enhance productivity or reduce asset hire costs

Cammell Laird directors

believe that prospects will be boosted by a number of emerging trends in the shipping market. Repair work will be helped by the growing age of the world shipping fleet, now estimated at 19 years. Extra life extension work is expected. Cammell is also looking to work arising from the 1994 tightening of regulations on safety of life at sea and expects an increase in demand for

The group's employees are to be given an opportunity to apply for shares in the placing and are being granted options.

junk bond king at Drexel Burnham Lambert

Stellican is run by Stephen Julius, who attracted media attention in a personal capacity in 1994 as a friend of Diana. Princess of Wales. The financier was one of four men who accompanied her to a rugby international in Cardiff.

With backing from un-named UK parties, but not Apollo, Stellican outbid two local consortia with a 22.7 billion lire (£8 million) offer for the club. However, the two rivals will have the chance to present the bankruptcy court with higher bids on Friday, which Stellican can match if it

Vicenza is expected to make a L3.9 billion profit in the year to June 1997, on a turnover of L34 billion. In common with most Italian clubs, its stadium is owned by the municipality. Profits should be boosted next year by its appearance in the European Cup Winners' Cup. With its recent ability to

thrive on a small budget, the club has been compared to Wimbledon in the UK. Stellican said that the current general manager and trainer would be retained if the bid is successful. Last season's star players include Marcelo Otero, the Uruguayan striker, and Giampiero Maini, the Italian international due to leave for AC Milan. The club's most famous former player is Paolo Rossi, the Italians' hero of the 1982 World Cup.

Mr Julius said yesterday that the prospect of foreign ownership has been hugely controversial in Vicenza. where the club has only recently emerged from footballing obscurity in the lower divisions. Mr Julius is half-Milanese,

but he light-heartedly admit-ted that this is probably more disadvantageous than being 100 per cent British, given the specialist oil and gas vessels. rivalry between clubs in Italy. There is a possibility that Stellican may ultimately be a stalking horse only, shaking up more "acceptable" local bidders.



Straker and Oyez to merge

By Sarah Cunningham

million. Both the Oyez holding

company, SLSS (Holdings).

and Straker, are part-owned

by NatWest Ventures. Ovez

Straker will apply for a share

☐ Winners and losers: There is no straightforward way of identifying the precise winners

and losers since there are so

many variables. To look first at the 9.3 million people aged

65 or over, the strategy of

recouping all the current NIC

yield from basic rate tax ensures that only some 1.35

million (better off) members of

this age group lose. Of those aged under 65, the losers will

include most employees earn-ing more than £22,050 a year:

an employee earning £30,145 or more could lose £920 a year.

The self-employed will tend to

lose once earnings exceed

Winners will tend to be

those in the lower income

scale, with an employee earn-

ing 58.145 gaining some £550 a

year. For the majority of

taxpayers falling between, say,

income of £8,000 and £30,000,

the question of whether they

are winners or losers will be

determined by an interaction

of such variables as total

income, whether they are em-

played or self-employed,

whether as employees they

receive fringe benefits, and

whether they pay pension

☐ Conclusion: Integration

would create millions of losers

contributions.

around £13,000 a year.

NatWest Ventures owns 65

listing, probably next year.

Sainsbury's DIY chief nets 'golden hello' of £400,000

By Sarah Cunningham

J SAINSBURY, the supermarket group, gave a £400,000 golden hello" to David Bremner when he joined as head of its do-it-yourself and overseas businesses last year, the annual

report discloses. In spite of a dramatic fall in profits and the share price last year, all the company's direc-tors received pay rises. However, none received payments under Sainsbury's new longterm incentive plan because performance criteria were not

Mr Bremner joined J Sainsbury as joint chief execu-tive last August from Watson & Philip, the convenience food and food services business, where he was chief executive. He was paid £400,000 for accepting the job

and £55,000 in a guaranteed performance bonus and profit-sharing payments. His basic salary last year

was £145,000 and he received a further £20,000 to cover the cost of a company car and medical insurance. Kevin McCarten, who

joined as marketing director in December 1995, received £62,000 for accepting the job and will be paid a further £40,000 this year in a guaranteed performance bonus and a profit-sharing arrangement.

David Quarmby, former joint managing director, received a total of £977,000 last year, including a £556,000 pension contribution for loss of office. He is also entitled to exercise options worth more than £1.5 million.

Straker, with 8 per cent owned

by ECI, another venture capi-

tal company, and the rest

owned by directors and staff.

Solicitors' Law Stationery Soci-

ety, is the country's largest

independent office supplies

company. Straker was founded

Oyez, founded in 1888 as The

Hitachi Credit takes step towards placing

HITACHI CREDIT (UK), the credit finance subsidiary of Hitachi Credit Corporation of Japan, published a pathlinder prospectus yesterday for a London stock market placing which is likely to value the British arm at between £45 million and £50 million. Up to £20 million of new money is expected

to be raised for the company in the placing.

HCUK was set up in 1982 to offer credit finance to business and personal sectors in the UK. In the year to March 31 it made £5.6 million before tax, up 52 per cent, on sales up 16 per cent to £60 million. For the current year HCUK says trading has been encouraging to since to crow and develop existing has been encouraging. It aims to grow and develop existing business areas and to target new areas of opportunity, including expansion into continental European markets.

Grainger pegs payout

GRAINGER TRUST, the tenanted residential property group, raised profits before tax and exceptionals from £3.5 million to £3.6 million in the six months to March 31. However, the previously announced writedown of £14.7 million on development land sent the group into an £11.1 million loss. Losses per share of 30.8p compared with the previous 9.8p of earnings. The interim dividend, however, is held at 1.62p.

Thomas Locker rises

THOMAS LOCKER, the engineering and manufacturing group, raised pre-tax profits from £1.8 million to £3.5 million in the year to March 31, on sales up from £41.2 million to £64.5 million. Earnings per share rose from 1.81p to 2.91p and the total dividend rises from 0.9p to 1.0p. Phil Gartside, chairman, said: "Current trading is in line with expectations and we are optimistic that the benefits of the initiatives made during 1996-97 will continue to be evident during the coming year.

O&M buys in Taiwan

OGILVY & MATHER, a subsidiary of WPP Group, the UK advertising agency, has agreed to buy Team-Mate Marketing Development & Services, a sales promotion company based in Taiwan, and its subsidiary, Response Marketing Development & Services, for up to 150.66 million Taiwanese dollars (about £3.4 million). Team-Mate reported pre-tax profits of T\$8.3 million in 1996. Net assets were T\$26.7 million at the year end.

AlMidani cuts stake

AMER ALMIDANI, the secretive non-executive director of Manchester United, yesterday cut his stake in the quoted football club to just 0.33 per cent, raising £2.45 million. Mr AlMidani has been gradually reducing his interest in the club since it was floated five years ago. However, United said there was no question of Mr AlMidani leaving the board in the near future.

R-R wins \$700m order

ROLLS-ROYCE AEROSPACE has won a \$700 million order for Tay engines from Gulfstream, the US manufacturer of executive jets, it was announced at the Paris Air Show yesterday. The engines will be fitted on to Grumman Gulfstream IV-SP corporate jets. Deliveries are scheduled through to 2003. The order lifted to \$1.3 billion the total amount of business secured since the start of the show last weekend.

The merged group, to be known as Oyez Straker, will per cent of Oyez, with the rest have sales of £70 million and owned by directors and employees. It owns 27 per cent of operating profit of some £6

STRAKER and Ovez, Britain's

two largest independent office

supplies companies, are to

merge with the aim of floating

on the London Stock Ex-

change next year.

ACCOUNTANCY win or lose with change?

Maurice Fitzpatrick looks at trying

to integrate income tax and

national insurance contributions

The integration of income tax and national insurance contributions (NIC) has long been mooted as a way of simplifying the UK's horrendously complicated tax system.

The commission, established under Martin Taylor by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to look at reforming tax and benefits, may well examine the integration of tax and NIC. Meanwhile, it is not inconceivable that the Chancellor may make some reference to integration in his Budget on July 2. In view of the advantages, why can't it happen tomorrow?

The answer is that there are significant political difficulties. The integration of two disparate systems would create millions of losers: the losers would complain far louder than the gainers would show gratitude. To get a handle on the problems of integration, let us examine the present regime.

Income tax: This is chargeable at 20 per cent on the first £4,100 raxable income, 23 per cent on the next £22,000, and 40 per cent on taxable income over £26.100. A personal allowance of (normally) £4.045 is deducted from gross income in arriving at taxable income.

In the hands of a basic rate taxpayer, dividends and interest are taxed at 20 per cent, with such income being regarded as the top slice of income. According to Trea-sury figures, the full-year yield of raising the basic rate of

income tax by 1p in the pound is £1.9 billion. Of the UK's 26 million taxpayers, seven million have a marginal rate of tax (MRT) of 20 per cent, 16.5 million have an MRT of 23 per cent, and 2.5 million pay tax at 40 per cent. People aged 65 or more represent a group on whom integration could fall heavily; of the 9.3 million in this group 6.2 million pay no tax, 1.75 million have an MRT of 20 per cent, 1.2 million have an MRT of 23 per cent and 150,000 pay tax at 40 per cent. □ NIC: Employees earning up to £3,224 a year pay no employee NIC. For those earning E3,224 plus, employee NIC is levied at (broadly) 2 per cent on the first £3,224 of earnings, and 10 per cent on the next £20,956. Earnings above £24,180 attract no further NIC. The self-employed pay a flat rate of £6.15 per week together with class 4 NIC at 6 per cent on assessable profits between £7,010 and £24,180 a year.

Employee NIC is levied on cash earnings, but not (normally) on taxable tringe bene-fits; nor is NIC levied on pension income received. No deduction is allowed for pension contributions when computing earnings subject to NIC. Treasury figures show that the total yield from what could generically be described as "individuals" NIC" (ie employee NIC together with NIC paid by the self-employed) is some E26.5 billion a year.



Maurice Fitzpatrick says action would require courage

rately, and would remain even after income tax and "individuals NIC" had been integrated. Employer NIC raises about £27 billion a year. ☐ How the NiC and income tax systems might be integrated: The most straightforward method would be to abolish "all individuals" NIC" and to raise an equivalent amount of revenue by increasing the

basic rate of income tax from

23p to 37p. Such is the differ-ence in tax bases, as between

tax and NIC, that only a small

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Employer NIC is levied sepa-

percentage of taxpayers would be unaffected by integration in this way. Of the UK's 26 million income taxpayers, the 19 million with an MRT of 23 per cent or 40 per cent would all be affected; of the seven million with an MRT of 20 per cent, none would lose, while all those within this group who currently pay NIC (some five million) would gain. Overall, some 24 million taxpayers would be affected. We estimate that about ten million would lose, with the other 14 million

who would be far more vociferous in their protests than would be the winners in their gratitude. Indeed, the silence of the latter would probably be dealening. Integration ought to happen — the current system is madness — but it seems to me that only a government that is very popular, or very courageous, is going to grasp the nettle.

The author is head of econom-

> than £6,000 for the British Heart Foundation despite

ics at Chantrey Vellacott

But he had his own mara-

ROBERT BRUCE

Scots faced with an educational dilemma

Robert

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THE Scots have always been proud of their educational system. And speaking as one of its products I have to be very careful what I say here. It is argued that in the mid-to-late 18th century, which saw the education of Burns, Boswell and Scott, for example, literacy levels in lowlands Scotland were at a height still not matched across England. This heritage, which brought forth generations of expatriate engineers, politicians and journalists, has clouded the nation's vision ever

Hence the dilemma of the Scots ICA. It has an envied name for the quality of its education. It operates on graduate-only entry and those graduates tend to have accountancy degrees. But the process of training has become ever more expensive for the accountancy firms, and as a result small firms have all but given up the idea.

This has taken away the feeling of natural growth in the accountancy profession north of the border. The regeneration of the

profession and the practice of the skills being handed down from partner to student - which has always been particularly strong in Scotland because of the tradition of practitioners training students - has become diluted.

Even worse, in the eyes of the institute, was the fact that those few smaller firms which continue to train students now tend to avoid the Scottish route altogether and train people for the certified accountancy exams, on the grounds that distanced learning disrupts work less than block-release and so is

For the Scots all this is heresy and the stuff of heated arguments in bars after institute functions. One member of council has become famous for his views that graduates lack any common sense and would have difficulty in finding a bus stop let alone an error in someone's accounts

But it is not only the smaller firms that are training people for the certified exams. The large firms are, too. So for some time there has been pressure on the institute to come up with a solution. Added to this is the trend for people to believe that the high ideals of graduate-only entry to the accountancy profession are proving outdated. We are seeing the last generation of people who entered accountancy training straight from school reach maturity. "It worked for me, why shouldn't it work for today's youngsters?" is their call.

As a result the Scots institute has come up with proposals to create a simpler second-tier qualification. This would, in the words of Archie Hunter, the president, "produce wellqualified, licentiate accountants, with knowledge and understanding to underpin basic competences".

The idea of a licentiate is not new. Back in 1969, when the profession sought a merger of its six accounting bodies, the plan was for three streams of chartered accountants: public practice, business and commerce and public service. There would have been a secondary qualification of licentiates. It could be said that ever since the collapse of those merger efforts in 1970 the profession has been seeking to recreate the proposals through other mechanisms.

But you cannot step directly into a new training idea without standing on someone else's toes. The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) is already bruised by the defection of the certified accountants, who decided that running their own scheme would be highly lucrative, particularly with their overseas students. The Scots proposals

also damage the standing of the AAT. But people should not get too worked up about it. The AAT scheme never worked well in Scotland and it may be that the institute can run its proposed licentiate scheme at least partly through the AAT.

But the more interesting point about the Scots' new scheme is what it says about the profession. As one critic put it last week: "The economics of hamburgers apply to the accountancy profes-sion." Market forces bring the pressure. The reason why accountancy training is so expensive is because it is a quality product the institutes will argue.

But others argue that they have simply priced themselves out of the market. The reason firms of Scots accountants do not train people for their own exams is because training people as certified accountants is much cheaper.

And it could be argued particularly if you extended the argument to the English ICA. that one of the reasons why the qualification is so expensive is because institutes and their secretariats are not going to reform themselves. Wastage and complacency will remain. As one observer rather cruelly put it: "Pigs don't clean out their own sty."

But in the end it is the change in Scottish education that has brought this about Taking decisions based on a belief in an educational heritage that is no longer intact has brought about decline. The Scots ICA proposals seek to deal with the current realities. But in doing so they will also have to cope with people who are unhappy at having their complacency exposed.

Fostering hopes of making mark

MANAGEMENT accountants are rarely controversial. Their passions may rise, but usually it is only about something arcane, like zero-rated budgeting. No one has told Michael Foster this. Not content with finding himself elected as Labour Member of Parliament for Worcester, he has also managed to come top of the poll for introducing a Private Member's Bill. And

has the good member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants suggest-ed a new law on activity-based costing? Not a bit of it. He

wants to ban foxhunting.

Advice in a flash TAX practitioners were taken aback this week when the rumours that Gordon Brown, as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

was intent on publishing the Finance Bill immediately after the Budget debate turned out to be true. In the past there has always been a six-week gap between Budget and Bill. But this sudden arrival of urgency in the tax calendar has not upset practitioners. "It will be quite helpful not to have to

wait so long before advising clients on what they should

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Saddle-sore Spence THE fad for becoming leaner and litter continues at Grant

Thornton. Last week David Spence, who will be Scots ICA president next year and is considered almost unrecognisable since starting his weight-loss programme, led some 70 staff on the London to Brighton charity bike ride last weekend. He personally raised more

having to walk up the last and stiffest hill.

thon later. The same day he was due in Edinburgh for a dinner in his honour to mark his retirement as head of the profession's ethics committee. Only deft work with the Heathrow schedules, and a useful shower in between, allowed him to make a saddlesore speech of farewell.



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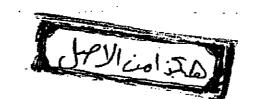
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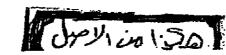
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THURSDAY JUNE

FILM 1

Harrison Ford and Brad Pitt paint a glamorous picture of IRA terrorism in The Devil's Own

politics, Ford by a concern for law and justice. Conflict is

But Hollywood is not happy

with moral quagmires; it pre-fers action. So the film frag-

ments into gunfire, thuggery,

chases and a fight over a ba

of money. Along the way Ford loses his family-man smile,

and readouts the frozen frown

that suggests he's having a

bad haemorrhoid day. But the

drama's lopsided perspective

and dishevelled narrative pre-

vent us taking comfort in

either Ford's heroics or Pitt's

romantic agony. By the end,

laughter - or possibly despair

After chording with disbe-lief, there is nothing like a spell

in The Chamber for sobering

audiences up. Consider the surroundings. Death row in a

Mississippi prison. Locked in his cell we find Gene Hack-

man as a white supremacist,

stubble on his chin, glasses

perched on the end of his nose,

hatred locked into his eyes as

he awaits his fate. Beyond the

bars sits Chris O'Donnell as

the earnest lawyer with a mission to save the old man's

life (Hackman is his grandfa-

ther). And over there in the

fancy mansion lurks Faye

Dunaway, with blonde hair.

pink dress and a taste for

liquor. Now is this a recipe for

considering

ham novel. From that author, fans usually expect extrava-

gant plots, bizarre characters

and courtroom stunts. But this

is, pardon the wordplay, a

chamber piece, charting the process by which O Donnell

faces up to family ghosts and

Hackman finds a little hu-

manity beneath his racist ar-

O'Donnell acts in earnest.

Hackman provides tension

and bite as the scowling racist

The film's bleakness is

especially surprising

source: a John Gris-

solution.

is the audience's only



FILM 2

. while The Chamber has Gene Hackman as a white supremacist facing execution on death row

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FILM 3

Light relief comes from Private *Parts*, a genial self-portrait of the talk radio star Howard Stern



FILM 4

. and in Marvin's *Room* a top-drawer cast extracts laughter and tears from a story of a family crisis

CINEMA: Geoff Brown chokes back laughter, or tears, as Pitt and Ford tackle Northern Ireland in The Devil's Own

Hollywood hoist with its own petard

ne line of dialogue from The Devil's Own sits up and begs to be quoted. "It's not an American story, it's an Irish one." Brad Pitt's disguised IRA terrorist tells Harrison Ford's New York cop several times over. American stories have happy endings; the Irish brand, he

The line comes to haunt this foolish film, which strives to deal with Northern Ireland but is Hollywood born and bred, set almost entirely in America, and dominated by American stars. Indeed, by the end Alan J. Pakula's film seems more like an old-fashioned western than anything else. Pitt is the romantic outlaw, charming but dangerous; Ford the marshal who must bring him in. It is a climax meant to increase the heart rate, and yet the audience I shared the experience with just sat back and laughed.

Even before these final stages, The Devil's Own could hardly claim a balanced view of reality. While not openly supporting the republican side. Pakula is careful to allow no space for loyalist views: the British representation is boiled down to an arrogant beast from the secret service.

Some of the sympathy that accrues to Pitt stems from the character's childhood scars: at the age of eight, he watches his father killed at the dinner table for being an IRA sympathiser. Still more derives from Pitt's personal charisma; even his Belfast accent is persua-

He comes to New York to buy missiles. Lodging is found with Ford's Irish-American family in Staten Island, although Ford's upright cop has no knowledge of Pitt's identity and purpose. The best of the film lies in their early scenes. As the two bond together, much like father and son, Pakula allows us to weigh the moral niceties of their positions. Pitt is fuelled by the needs of revenge and partisan

Stern a

success'

life is a huge success.

■ INTIMATE RELATIONS

Damian: Julie Walters proves

that she is one of our national

Louis XIV.

convicted of killing two black children. Even so, it is hard to Every week, young film fans discuss some of the latest

releases . . . treasures with a witty and **■ PRIVATE PARTS** Damian Samuels, 20: Mucky, warped performance. clever, witty and outrageous -Tim: A brilliant portrayal of 1950s suburban life. Howard Stern's cocktail for

Tim Thornton, 21: By far the Sarah: A shocking glance funniest film of the year so far. behind closed doors. Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 18: **■ MARVIN'S ROOM** Weird hair - half Cher, half Damian: Moving and enter-Sarah Crook, 18: Naughty but

Lestie: A good British film.

Tim: Take your pick from this buffet of acting delicacies. Leslie: Acting doesn't get any better than this. Sarah: A life-affirming movie. The Devil's Own Odeon Leicester Square

15, 111 mins
The Irish troubles
hit Hollywood The Chamber Plaza, 12, 113 mins Gloomy John Grisham

adaptation Private Parts Warner West End 18, 109 mins Meet the outrageous Howard Stern

Marvin's Room Warner West End 12, 98 mins Well-meaning family drama Intimate Relations Odeon Haymarket

Love and perversity in 1950s Britain Kama Sutra Curzon Phoenix 18, 114 mins Love and deception in 16th-century India

15, 99 mins

care if this odious man lives or dies. Either outcome denies the audience the "feel-good" factor. So does James Foley's direction. Foley can usually be relied upon for expressive visuals; here he seems in a straitiacket.

After The Chamber, light relief might be appreciated. How about Howard Stern in Private Parts? Howard who? This is not a question Americans need ask: the outspoken talk radio host is loved and loathed by many. In Britain he is not even a name, yet this movie asks us to watch the story of his life, enacted by himself, and cheer his ogress from awkward disc jockey in Hartford, Connecticut, to top radio anarchist in New York City.

This is not much of a dramatic arc, and Betty Thomas's film never shakes off that
"so what?" feeling. But it is
usually funny; pleasant too, for all that Stern's radio antics have been found offensive. He talks endlessly about sexual exploits. He encourages a woman to have an orgasm splayed over a vibrating loudspeaker. He banters with newsreaders, offers cheerful insults across the social spectrum, and drives his execu-

How can this be pleasant? Partly because Stern displays such a lust for work and play. and always makes jokes at his own expense. Early scenes show him as an adolescent geek, and he never manages to shake off the look of a gangly youth who cannot believe his good luck.

Aside from Stern's enthusiasm, Private Parts is also propelled by the conflict between the maverick and the break taboos and language barriers. Executives squawk, but ratings soar. The fact that the battle is fought in an arena often closed to the public eye --

Gray syndrome: somewhere, portrait that looks simply ter-

complications.

McPherson's script has its arch moments. "My feelings for you are like a big bowl of fish hooks," Streep tells DiCaprio. Few people actually talk like this, but there are home truths galore in the film's semi-comic portrait of family members fighting their failings and finding strength in adversity. McPherson wrote his own film script before dying from Aids in 1992; Broadway's Jerry Zaks is the sympathetic director.

amity life in **Intimate** escalates into violence.

enhances the film's interest.

On the debit side, not all the film's sprightliness works, and the self-portrait's sheer good nature raises qualms. Since Stern appears so loveable, you begin to suspect the Dorian in an attic, there must be a self-

No one attempts to mask human faults in Marvin's Room, one of those wellmeaning Hollywood movies that quality actors love. Hence the cast: Meryl Streep, Diane Keaton, Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio, all buckling down to Scott McPherson's play about a fractious family at crisis point. Bessie (Keaton) has devoted time and love caring for Marvin, her hedridden father. Now she needs a bone marrow transplant to combat her own leukaemia. So down to Florida come sister Lee (Streep), Lee's delinquent son (DiCaprio), and a host of

Relations, a first film from the actor and theatre director Philip Goodhew, is coloured a little differently. The place is Britain in the bored 1950s. Marjorie, fiftyish, houseproud, with a one-legged husband and a dog named after Princess Margaret, takes in a lodger, a merchant seaman. They start having sex: he calls her mum. Her daughter wants to join in. But three's a crowd and the story, based on true events.

Juicy stuff? Tiresome is more the word, for Goodhew's script forgoes any psychological subtlety that would render the situation interesting. Instead, our eyes are free to roam over the period clutter, and watch the actors push their luck. Julie Walters appears as the siren in hair curlers: Rupert Graves is the over-accommodating sailor.

More sexual high-jinks appear in Kama Sutra, a film still held up for distribution in India while its director, Mira Nair, and the local censor argue about cuts. The amount of nudity could provoke Indian audiences; but we Western reprobates may very



Brad Pitt, impressive despite it all as the IRA hitman with added charisma, in the one-eyed and woeful The Devil's Own

King Raj Singh enjoys his courtesan Maya as his wife. Maya's childhood friend, furnes behind jewellery.

Nair's evocation of lothcentury court life is richly decorative and a fair showcase for the actors' physiques; but it is hard to stay patient with a film that wanders between arthouse exorica and soft-core mulch in its search for an identity.

hand-held visual style that aims to ape TV realism. Not

that seeing is necessarily be-lieving: Von Trier's tale in-volves a ghost patient, a corpse's severed head and

voodoo. Ernst Hugo Jarogard

is funny as the neurosurgeon

more concerned with his pride

and parking space than all the

EXUBERANT version of

Roald Dahl's subversive tale about a precocious girl (Mara

Wilson) suffering under two atrocious parents. As director. Danny DeVito ensures the

film never turns bland; as

performer, he enjoys acting

crass as Matilda's father.

Adults will enjoy the script's

sharp dialogue; children will guffaw at Pam Ferris's Miss Trunchball, the fearsome

headmistress heading for a

monstrous comeuppance.

Available to rent.

■ STALAG 17 4-Front, PG, 1953

hanky-panky in the wards.

20:20 Vision, PG, 1996

■ MATILDA

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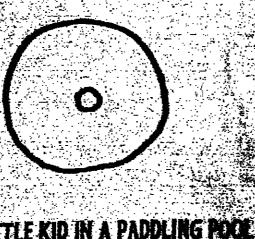
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■ INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS 4-Front, PG, 1956

A SMALL town becomes swamped by unfeeling aliens, who start off as pods growing in a field. Easy to poke holes in the script, but the first film version of Jack Finney's tale, starring Kevin McCarthy and Dana Wynter, is still one of the screen's most realistic and thoughtful fantasies. Director Don Siegel keeps a tight grip on the narrative,

■ THE KINGDOM ICA Projects, 15, 1994 LARS VON TRIER'S medical soap opera arrives on video cheekily packaged into five separate tapes, which may

LIFE behind the barbed wire with American GIs in a German prison camp. Director Billy Wilder adroitly handles the mix of comedy, mystery and drama. William Holden is cynicism incarnate as the prisoner determined to make the best of his lot, and Otto Preminger relishes his role as limit sales. But viewing in segments is recommended for the cruel camp commander. this blend of satire and horror, couched in a brown-tinted,

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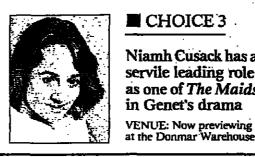


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A musical version of Elvis Presley's life opens in the West End tonight VENUE: At the

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Niamh Cusack has a servile leading role as one of The Maids in Genet's drama VENUE: Now previewing



■ FESTIVAL

David Bower, Hugh Grant's brother in Four Weddings. brings his talents to Nottingham

Aged 17, he went to Bulmershe College, in Read-

ing, to join the innovative

theatre for the deaf course run

by Dapline Payne, "profoundly deaf herself and a marvel-

lous tutor". After 12 months

with Common Ground, he

began a six-year spell "in the

field", which included parts in

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SHADOW CONSPIRACY (15) Charle een winkles out a conspiracy in Washington Laughably bad thrifer. With Linda Hamilton and Donald Sutherland Director, George P Cosmaios Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031) Warner West End (0171-437 4343)

THE SQUARE CIRCLE (15): Mildly

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS:
Continuersal play from Broadway by Jonathan Tofins in which a gay opera designer (Jason Gould) learns that his sciented brother-in-law (Man, Hadheld) has discovered his baby will be gay Shall he abort it? Polly James directs. Arts. Great Newport Street, WiC2 (1711-336 2132) Operas tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs. 3pm, Sat, 4pm Until August 2.

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m Road (0171-370 2636) ◆ THE FIFTH ELEMENT (PG)* So-fi epic, with Bruce Wills as the taxt-drive director Toby Jones to a sullry land somewhere in Latin America. Guerry, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Ouerry Mount joins 244 2111; Previews begin tonight, 7 30pm, Opens June 24, 7 30pm Then Mon-Sai, 7 30pm, nati Wed (July 2, 9, 23), 2pm, Sai (June 28, July 12), 3pm, Linti July 26, 8)

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> Suddenly, the discs are flowing. John Yap's adventurous show-tunes

An actor deaf to praise

mong the hundreds of performers involved in the Visibility arts festival which kicks off in Nottingham this Saturday, the deaf actor David Bower is the only one whose face is known to millions of

filmgoers. His wonderful, understated performance as Hugh Grant's brother provided some of the funniest moments in Four Weddings and a Funeral (remember Grant offering Andie McDowell an alternative translation of his sibling's sign language for "Didn't you sleep with her?"), and his week in Nottingham is likely to bring a few more "I'm sure I recognise you" approaches from strangers; a small price to pay for ppearing in the most successful British film of all time.

He enjoys recalling his Four Weddings experiences. from the "terrifying" audition to the Leicester Square premiere hijacked by Liz Hurley's dress. But he is most animated when discussing the shows that he and the other members of Common Ground Sign Dance Theatre are taking to Nottingham.

"Common Ground is the only company in Britain in which dear and hearing actors and dancers regularly work together." he explains (unlike David, his Four Weddings character, spoken English rather than signing is his first language). "The company es-tablished Sign Dance as a crossover art form in the late Eighties, using sign language to strengthen narrative expression in contemporary dance

At Visibility, the UK's largest festival of integrated arts (work featuring disabled and non-disabled performers). he is appearing in two Common Ground shows. The first. Answer Me With Silence, in which he plays the ghost of an Irish architect, is "both a tale of unrequited love and an

WHY should the Japanese have all the

luck? Salena Jones has devoted so

much energy to recording and per-

forming in the Far East over the past

London has become a rare occurrence.

she has been based in this country for

the past 30 years, building an interna-

tional reputation as an unusually

versatile pop. jazz and middle-of-the-

road performer. Yet, as far as domestic

recordings are concerned, last year's

HMV album, It Amazes Me, a fund-

raiser for Save the Children, broke an

David Bower is more excited about a Nottingham festival than his famous film. Daniel Rosenthal reports



attempt to suggest that men and women - deaf and hearing - could communicate more effectively if they spoke less, rather than more".

The second is called Ojo*Eve*Oog*, a collaboration between Common Ground and two of Europe's leading integrated companies: Barcelona-based BCN Doble Teatro, and Amsterdam's De Wereld Van Diagonaal (ojo and oog are, respectively, Spanish and Dutch for "eye"). Its storyline and choreography, centred, says Bower, "on the theme of human energy". were still being developed in Manchester last week.

The Common Ground touring engagements keep the 28year-old actor away from his home in Liverpool, where the company is based, for about nine months of the year. His personal goal in Nottingham will be the same as at all of them: "I want to ensure that every member of the audience understands everything that's happening on stage, regardless of whether they are hearing or deaf, English or German. That may involve my voice, sign language. mime or dance. It's a bit like

Bower was born hearing impaired but could hear "reasonably well" until his midteens, "When I was 15, I went to a really loud rock concert in Liverpool. It was a fantastic gig. but I left with a ringing noise in my ears and it's been there ever since. "I would have liked to

become a musician but my deafness made acting the most logical alternative. The fact that the opportunities for deaf actors are quite limited made me even more determined to break away from the common perception of people with disabilities as being somehow institutionalised.

student films and the title role in Gary, a play about a deaf boy's troubled adolescence which won a Fringe First award at Edinburgh in 1992. The following year he was appearing in Children of A Lesser God at the Derby

Playhouse when he received an invitation to try out for Four Weddings. He remembers "shaking like a leaf" in front of Mike Newell, the director, at the audition, but a fortnight and a screen test later the role was his. There were some frantic journeys up from Four Weddings locations in the South to prevent him missing performances in Derby, but the filming itself went smoothly and was "great fun".

Meeting Rowan Atkinson. the second wedding's "Father, Son and Holy Goat" vicar. was a particular pleasure. "It was exciting to talk to him about what Mr Bean means to me as a deaf person. He had not realised that Bean is accessible for a deaf audience. and that excited him."

Amazed by the film's worldwide box-office triumph. Bower confesses to being "happy" with his performance. though it made me realise I have a long way to go with my acting". He has watched himself in it about six times, but the film's various couples may be approaching their ruby anniversaries before he takes another look. "When I'm 65 I'll take it off the shelf again - like a photo album."

 Answer Me With Silence, June 24 and 26: Ojo*Eye*Oog*, June 27. all Visibility events from Notting-ham Playhouse (0) 15-941 9419)

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two decades that a club appearance in company, TER, has issued a slow-burning Born in Ella Fitzgerald's home town. set of Broadway of film music to follow. Jones's own label

has also released a distinguished tribute to Antonio Carlos Jobim, recorded with the Brazilian master shortly before his death.

Her delivery is wonderfully free of artifice. At the lower end of the register, Sarah Vaughan's. Not for her, though,

vivacious displays of double-time gymnastics or virtuoso scat choruses. Jones is

Salena Jones closer to Peggy Lee in Pizza Express, Wl that respect; she is a storyteller who allows the words on Black Coffee to speak for

themselves. Although ballads are her strongest suit, she can swing with the best of them, her relaxed phrasing adroitly her voice is as smoky and sensual as complemented by the tenor and baritone obbligatos of the saxophonist

Alan Barnes. Duke Ellington's In a Mellotone flowed elegantly; Oi Man River was taken at a brisker tempo. Her pianist, Matt O'Regan - lead-

ing a rhythm section featuring bassist Andy Cleyndert and drummer Geoff Cox — stoked up the gospel vamps on Sermonette. Jones's keen eye for neglected songs prompted a pensive reading of Cy Coleman-Carol Leigh's title number from It Amazes Me.

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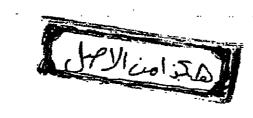
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THEATRE: Ectoplasm without substance at both the Chichester Festival and in Manchester

Coward's high-flyer lays an egg

gramme points out, it was Shelley who gave Noël Coward's play its title with his "hail to thee, blithe spirit, bird thou never wert". That is a slightly unfortunate reminder, for the last thing Tim Luscombe's revival resembles is a light, airy skylark pouring forth memorably magical sounds. This Blithe Spirit is very like a bird, but that bird, I fear, is a turkey.

Luscombe was unlucky to lose Maureen Lipman to the surgeons during rehearsals. If she had been able to bring her quirky, gawky humour to the role of the spiritualist. Madame Arcati, perhaps the production would not have remained resolutely grounded. Certainly, one of the evening's problems is that Dora Bryan, the game trouper who substitutes for her, has yet to make full contact with either her lines or her character. But Madame Arcati is not the play's centre, and it is at the centre that the skylark spirit is most obviously missing.

Arcati's function is to conjure up the ghost of the first wife of the novelist Charles Condomine. That is bad news for his second, Ruth, who is already jealous of Elvira's memory. When Charles starts holding heated conversations with what seems to her the empty air. she successively assumes that he is playing infantile games, drunkenly insulting her and going mad. But then flowers start whizzing through the air and expensive pots crashing to the floor; and Ruth is forced to recognise that she has a rather unusual rival in the house.

The opportunities for laughter are pretty evident, and were expertly exploited by Coward. Although Present Laughter has its

THE tragedies of Corneille

seldom pop up on British

stages, though once in a cides to see how Le Cid looks.

His comedies have fared even

worse, except for L'Illusion

comique, which has become

strangely popular in recent years. Matthew Lloyd's pro-

duction being the third big

The play is like a colourful

balloon that floats over puz-

zling countrysides and then

cian to find out what has

happened to his unruly son,

vanished from home these ten

years or more. The magus

calls forth phantoms — don't

ask how - and there is the

lad, sprightly and courtly, in

love with a succession of

women who look the same

but bear different names, as

does he: now Clindor, now (in this version) Calisto and, fi-

nally. Theogenes, under which name he deceives his

wife, cuckolds his prince and

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THE reception for the Nat-

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respectful rather than raptur-

ous. A little late in the day,

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admirers, I don't think he was ever to write so winningly again. Elvira comes from the same family as Amanda in Private Lives and Gilda in Design for Living. She is sophisticated, wayward, mischie-vous, even anarchic. Ruth has more in common with the earnest, bossy characters of the early plays, those who try to control others and stifle their fun. In Blithe Spirit - hence, if you want to be heavy, the play's importance — they are fighting for the soul of a writer not unlike Coward himself.

But here only Belinda Lang, a strong, svelte Ruth, makes enough of her chances. Steven Pacey's Charles sounds as if he is auditioning for the role of Biggles, and the stiffness and slight blimpishness extends from his period accent to his acting, which lacks Coward's trademark urbanity. And how can he talk of Elvira's maddening fascination and "gay charm" Togged out in spectral grey-mauve, Twiggy Lawson looks the part: but when she starts striding about the stage, being over-obviously flirtatious or over-obviously angry, you wonder what he means.

Meanwhile, Bryan hops and flutters about in beads and woollies, emitting fey whoops and coy gurgles as she does cheerful battle with the text. The performance misses what's hearty and tweedy in Arcati, the bicycling eccentric; but the first-night audience applauded her every exit. Could even Lipman have expected more?

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Good stuff. Period.

THE TROUBLE with period-instrument orchestras, as a colleague heretically remarked on these pages recently, is their conductors. There are notable exceptions, of course, but too many are found wanting in technique or inspiration, or both.

Put a real conductor such as Simon Rattle in front of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and you get all the advantages of original instruments and strong musical direction. The OAE could no doubt play Haydn's Symphony No 102 in B Flat without anybody waving a baton at them, but it is difficult to imagine such a sense of drama emerging as here.

Rattle knows how to maximise the effect of Haydn's pregnant silent bars, and how to release the high spirits from a bouncing Presto finale. He savours the idiosyncratic colours of the period instruments too: the woody flutes, the raucous oboes, the sinister muted horns and trumpets in the Adagio.

The rustic timbres of oboe and bassoon also made their effect in the duet of the Minuet's trio in Schubert's Symphony No 3 in D. The freshness with which such details came through, and the sheer infecCONCERTS

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tiousness of the fast movements made one wonder why this piece is

Mozart's Clarinet Concerto suf-

not programmed more often.

fers, if anything, from the reverse: overexposure. But once again Rattle and the OAE had one treasuring every phrase. Whether the blandness that characterises so many performances results from laziness or (more charitably) a conscious attempt to minimise interpretation Rattle's proactive approach proved a triumphant vindication. He reanimated the emotional life of the work to mesmerising effect. The soloist. Antony Pay, was visibly disconcerted by the behaviour of his instrument - he had to stop the Adagio to remove a foreign body from the mouthpiece - but still

reading of the piece. BARRY MILLINGTON

managed to contribute an eloquen

Cool, getting hotter

JOHN Eliot Gardiner is not a conductor one normally associates with Stravinsky, but then his adventurous reputation makes it hardly surprising to find the composer included in both his current concerts with the London Symphony Orchestra. And, of course, Stravinsky's music can mean different things: The Rake's Progress, still to come on Sunday, stands at the Neo-Classical corner of the Stravinsky triangle. while The Firebird, which opened Tuesday's concert, occupies a place at the Russian vertex.

Opting for the lavishly orchestrated original version of Stravinsky's first masterpiece, Gardiner conjured up an extraordinarily vivid performance. Everything was precise and carefully controlled: the low, rumbling strings of the opening were barely audible, solos were beautifully moulded, and the Infernal Dance had brilliant virtuosity.

But it was also a little too calculating. Gardiner's account had generalised atmosphere rather than Russian soul, a vital ingredient in music that tells an exotic folk-tale.

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The Firehird was composed for the stage, and given such glossy, symphonic splendour as here it did not egin to sound like dance music.

By contrast, Gardiner went straight to the heart of Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. All the detail was still there - it was fascinating to see how Gardiner had rearranged the orchestral layout but this interpretation had much greater insight. More strongly than most conductors, he made the Beethoven connections plain in a work that is, after all, a pastoral symphony in which things go horribly wrong. The first movement was stormy, the Waltz began gracefully but became a disquieting fantasy. A macabre March to the Scaffold and lewd Dream of a Witches Sabbath brought the symphony to a red-hot end.

JOHN ALLISON

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is fatally stabbed in the vitals. This agitates the old man. and I have to give the game away by explaining that what he has been shown is his son playing different stage roles in his profession as an actor. The father has mixed feelings about this news but off he goes to Paris to be reunited. Corneille, though, gives us no due as to how the son will respond, since his every speech has been a perfor-mance, what kind of fellow

across. With the unnamed

orchestra energetically con-

ducted by Lehman Engel, Jenny really swings, and My

Ship, the score's most original

number, has a cool, reflective

quality. Adolphe Green zaps

out both verses of Tchai-

kowsky, and the quality of

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regret that Weill paid scant attention to his leading man.

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The play is at the same time complicated and slight. Lope de Vega would have built castles of philosophy, but for Corneille the situations allow a parent to feel parental once

more and that's it. There isn't much emphasis even on that. Tony Kushner's free adaptation introduces a new scene and textual changes too numerous to mention. The most significant of these concerns father-child antipathy — for Clindor's variously named lady also has an intransigent dad. He is a real beast in Kushner's Corneille, as are all the older men. but Clindor is given some lines that suggest recovered filial love. The lan-

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the nervous edge which

the composer's own baton.

guage is vivid enough to convey the agitations of the young lovers in an amusing plotting of the maid.

Performances, too, are likeable. Julia Sawalha's heroines admit the power of love but can joke about this power. and her gestures intelligently express her altering moods. Peter de Jersey's voice is clear and passionate, and he is heroically good looking as well. Lloyd keeps the movement lively and the bero's father (Trevor Baxter) moves all over the house. But where a modern dramatist might attempt to make the play within the play contrast with what surrounds it, there is no sense of that here. The purnose of the drama is simply to soften hard hearts. The magician is rewarded with the father's tear: try offering that to a modern playwright or

JEREMY KINGSTON

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ery in the end." The Gainsborough was never discovered. Instead, Worth arranged in Chicago for its return to London in 1901 after protracted negotiations. His friend and fellow criminal, Eddie Guerin, thought it was the worst deal Worth ever made. Yet he was almost as fascinated by the glamour of the picture as Worth himself. The sudden return to town of Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire has caused nearly as great a sensation as if the beautiful Georgiana had come back to life,

Not quite so elementary, Watson

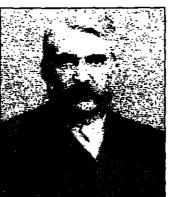
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The painting did not stay in England for long. It was very quickly acquired by J. Pierpoint Morgan. fresh from the biggest of all financial deals, the setting up of the United States Steel Corporation. His father, Junius Spencer Morgan, had been prevented from completing Georgiana's purchase in 1876 when Worth "eloped" with her. The decisive Agnew's deal was engineered by Worth and by the detective William Pinkerton, son of another famous father, whose curious relationship crossed the blurred dividing lines separating criminals and detectives. It was

Los Angeles that Macintyre decided to investigate the mystifying case for himself. One tantalisingly incomplete American newspaper cutting began: "If a fiction writer could conceive such a story, he might well hesitate to write it for lear of being accused of using the wildly improbable". Macintyre set out to tell the story as history, not as fiction, finding out far more than any journalist or detective

Worth already had a formidable criminal past before he stole Georgiana. It is now uncovered. It was outstanding in its boldness and its scale, and even after the theft of the painting there was far more to come on both sides of the Channel and the Atlantic. Appropriately it was The Times in April 1901 that commented that the "authentic history" of the painting "during the last quarter of a century will probably, and for very



Worth: inspired Conan Doyle?

obvious reasons, never be disclosed - except by highly imagina-tive writers". Macintyre is highly imaginative - sometimes to such an extent that he seems to be overstretching his evidence.

Yet he has other qualities that pin him down, including an appeis less interested in the man or in the picture (which made its way back to Chatsworth in 1994) than he is in the bizarre relationship between the two, which the Pinkertons — tangled in their own curious relationship with Worth never fathomed. For Worth, Georgiana on canvas became a fetish, "representing the pinnacle of his dreams and the evidence of his exclusion" from a high society which attracted and repelled him. He would have found it even more interesting to confess to Macintyre than he did to open his soul to

If Worth was a "Napoleon of crime", he had more scruples than the real Napoleon. He avoided "strong drink" until his life had collapsed. He rejected violence, except on one occasion when he was betrayed. What he shared with Napoleon, apart from smallness of stature, was "restless ambition". He never knew when to stop his highly organised sequence of crimes. He also had a dynastic sense which he had less opportunity to cultivate. Curiously, in the ight of recent history, it was the Belgian police, not the British, who eventually cornered him, a story told in two excellent chapters. "Worth's Waterloo" and "The Trial". In reply to police question-ing he once replied that if they "knew the truth" he would be "put away in prison for eternity". Worth recanted the words in court. but his recantation did not save him from a prison sentence so wide in its ramifications that he lost the respectable wife he had recently married -- she was seduced by a treacherous henchman and went mad - and eventually

decided to return Georgiana. As Macintyre properly notes, anyone who achieved distinction in "Victorian times" became "by diche the Napoleon of Something". (When did the cliche wear out?) "He is the organiser of half

that is evil and nearly all that is undetected in this great city.

Macintyre's identification of
Worth and Moriarty seems less convincing than most of his other conjectures. Conan Doyle drew on many sources and, like Macintyre, on his imagination. Where in Worth was the "abstract thinker"?

there is, of course, ample scope for abstract thought in a biography of Worth, as Macintyre demonstrates. Victorians" - and Macintyre generalises about them too easily liked to talk of the relationship between the good and the true. This biography is about the relationship between the bad and the true. It makes the reader think. Most of the characters in this book. detectives as well of criminals. with journalists thrown in too, concealed some of the most significant evidence about themselves. Even the painting raises questions of truth. X-rays revealed an earlier hat beneath the duchess's ostrich feather extravaganza. It is the earlier hat, not the fashionable hat, that "points to an origin in Gainsborough's studio".

Bond between man and beast

Roger Scruton on the horse's need for humankind

By Stephen

Ithough the cheetah can move faster than the horse, it can sus-Ltain its top speed for only 15 seconds, so great is the strain. The horse, however, can sustain a 40mph gallop for ten minutes, can average 25 mph for half an hour, while jumping high in the air over obstacles and carrying a man on its back, can cover vast tracts of country at a sustained canter, and can produce all this energy from eating grass - the lowest-grade diet on offer, the dregs of vegetation

that other species refuse. What explains the existence. the nature and the survival of

n a creature: The answer, ac-THE NATURE phen Budiansky OF HORSES in this lucid and passionate account of his favourite animal. is the mitaculous relation berween horse and

man. Although there are that the horse is about as large equids like the zebra surviving in the special conditions that obtain in subtropical Africa, the horse as we know him is a species rescued from extinetion by human need and sympathy.

In telling the Budiansky draws on the findings of Darwinian ethology. biology, sociology, the psy-chology of perception, archaeology and every peripheral science that touches on "the miracle of the horse". He also evokes knowledge drawn from riding and foxhunting in the state of Virginia — and shows that his passion for the species derives less from scientific curiosity than from gratitude.

Budiansky makes a very plausible case for the story that he tells, and therefore for the Darwinian theory of evolution on which it depends. The size and speed of the horse, he argues, ought to surprise us. Length of leg is not enough. The complex system of tendons, which conserve the energy expended with each step and use it as a spring to launch the next one, is equally important. Furthermore, Budiansky explains, while the volume and weight of an animal increase by the cube of its height, the cross-section of its limbs - and therefore the strength of its bone - in-

creases by the square of its height. The bigger the animal, therefore, the more friable will

be its bones. Weidenfeld & Nicolson. From these E 18.99 ISBN U 297 81779 5 and many similar facts Budiansky concludes

> and fast as its mechanism permits, and also that no other mechanism could give rise to such prodigies of locomotion. Although we have been tinkering with the result for 6.000 years, the mechanism was already perfected when man and horse first entered the relation which was to be so vital to the survival of one, if not both, of them.

Here is where the beautiful story really begins. The abundant lossil evidence shows that the northern horse was, at the end of the last Ice Age, perfectly adapted to an evolutionary niche that was about to



were driven eastward, vanishing from the British Isles and from France and Spain, where they had been depicted in the admiring paintings of our Neanderthal forebears. Eventually nothing remained to them save the grasslands of Ukraine and Central Asia. It is there that the horse was tamed, and so rescued from almost certain extinction by an act of human daring that has few, if any, parallels in the history of our species, when someone chose to mount the back of the fastest of animals and endeavoured against the

odds to stay there. Budiansky shows how the unique social attitudes of horses have enabled them to live side by side with human disappear. As the climate beings in mutual accommodawarmed and forests overtook tion, and how the emerging

cies together enabled the horse to survive and flourish long after its niche had been abolished by the climate. From the beginning of the relationship the horse has been a sacred animal - and one of the two lacunae in this inspiring book is its failure to explore the religious history and identity of this animal who was rejected by evolution to be rescued as a god. The other lacuna is more

significant. Budiansky belongs to those popular exponents of science who are more interested in explaining mysteries than evoking them. Therefore he neglects the wonderful imaginative literature dedicated to his favourite animal, and the centuries of effort that have been devoted to ennobling him in poetry, art

and music. This is recrettable: for time is running out for the horse. Those like Budiansky who have had the privilege of hunting on horseback know what a deep bond has grown from such activities and how vital they are to the blood brotherhood that ties our species. But hunting is now threatened by a tide of ignorant sentimentality, and we may soon stand in need of the fitting tribute which will help us to remember what the horse really was, in the days when we were permitted to

love him fully. Those reservations aside. I recommend this book not merely as the perfect gift for the few horse-lovers who see the point of reading, but as the most lucid introduction to Darwinian ethology that I have come across.

intelligent can extemporise from one situation to the next and thus "muddle through" when the "crunch" comes, be it an fee Age or the early closure of the corner shop. Such freeing up of increasingly sophisticated brains from the tyranny of DNA is not a new idea, nor is the contribution of human language to the uniqueness or otherwise of the development

of our species. Yet Calvin offers a balanced and interesting discussion on the issues of a "protolanguage" that we seem to share with other primates, namely the rudimentary use of particular symbols, as distinct from the far more taxing task of constructing meaningful sentences. Along with sentence construction, the argument runs, one can pass from mere labels to whole stories; and then one can plan ahead. Liberated from the present moment, we are thus at a huge advantage to even those primates who can express themselves by manipulating plastic letters or

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tion in a genetic straitjacket,

Calvin argues that the more

computer icons. The idea of sentence construction inspires Calvin to turn a principle of evolution into two for the price of one. If we were developing skills to structure and order words, then an analogous structuring and ordering of actions could also be bootstrapped on, or vice versa. Hence increasingly skilled movements would go hand in evolutionary hand with more elaborate verbal relations, in both cases a "structured string". The idea of such structured strings of mental activity leads Calvin to generalise still further from words and movements to abstract ideas, "memories and sensations". In all cases, objects, actions and ideas are subsumed under the slightly misleading term of "cerebral code": when and into what

would they be decoded?

Two for the price of one

In any case, Calvin suggests that these "codes" have their physical infrastructure in neuronal assemblies. Such an idea is far from new. The concept of neuronal assemblies has already fired the imagination of a range of philosophers, psychologists and physiologists. starting with the "neuronal pools" of Sherrington in the first half of this century. Nor is the idea that such neuronal assemblies might operate

Susan Greenfield

HOW BRAINS THINK Evolving Intelligence, Then and Now By William H. Calvin Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £11,99 ISBN 0.297 81639 X

along Darwinian principles particularly novel: Gerald Edelman has already used the theme to develop a scheme that is admittedly less than totally satisfying, while Amiram Grinvald has harnessed imaging techniques to demonstrate directly the type of arm-wrestling between neuronal assemblies that Calvin

The essence of this push and shove between congregations of neurons is that they are highly dynamic in size. A group of neurons would expand owing to copy-ing themselves in good Darwinian fashion. actually "cloning" themselves as they temporarily buy up all the appropriate cerebral real estate for mind domination. But such terminology imposes

tractive though the metaphors of copying and cloning might be, there is no evidence that the expansion of neuronal assemblies is underpinned by its members behaving as generations of a species through evolution. A further problem is that it is never made clear how the most successful neuronal group, and hence the dominating "thought", enters consciousness. Calvin explicitly chooses to set the C-word to one side in his pursuit of intelligence, but a permanent divorce ends up, not surprisingly, impossible.

unneccessary restrictions. At-

Not only does he distinguish between "subconscious" thoughts but also, albeit cursorily, mentions emotional factors contributing to our state of mind. Emotions are closely associated with the pervading action of fountains of certain brain chemicals, which nonetheless have only walk-on parts in Calvin's final scheme. Instead, emphasis is placed on the neuronal electrical signals that are chained in alternating sequence with the chemical ones. As with many computertype models of the mind, this type of approach emphasises changes in electrical signals due to experience, namely learning and memory, but on its own caters poorly for accounting for mond-modifying drugs that target the chemical parts of the signalling chain. By departing from issues of chemical transmission and feelings, Calvin turns his back on holistic brain function and follows the welltrodden path (via relatively isolated neuronal circuits) towards the prospect of silicon intelligences.

Surely an account of human intelligence, of literally, "understanding", should cater for more than clever solutions to problems. At a time when we are awash with scientific theories of consciousness, this highly readable book offers a refreshing and novel way of cutting the brain cake. But it remains the same cake.

Susan Greenfield's The Human Brain: A Guided Tour will be published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in July.

"CRITICAL THEORY" can make all fiction sound excruciaringly boring, a mere vehicle for current propaganda. A good critic, on the other hand, makes a novel come alive in new and unexpected ways. Critical theory dislikes facts,

detail of a novel's characters. Professor John Sutherland is a marvellous critic, and if he were not so modest and so pragmatically unassuming he might found a new school of fiction criticism, which would really get down to the business. It would be about the facts that the novelist either hasn't noticed himself or hopes that his readers won't notice. And it would reveal an immense amount about the way a novel is written, and

and shies away from any

why it affects us as it does. This is the second volume in which he has explored this critical approach — the first was entitled Is Heathcliff A Murderer? Here are a further 32 literary puzzles which send us back to a famous novel, and make us think hard about its modes of construction and convention. What interests Sutherland are the ways in which a good novel can depart from the literal, and even from the plausible, without the reader noticing it.

Don't trust him, Jane John Bayley

CAN JANE EYRE BE HAPPY? More Puzzles in Classic Fiction By John Sutherland ISBN 0 19 283309 X

Every reader remembers,

for example, the marvellous stroke of detail in Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe, when the hero, shipwrecked and solitary on a tropical island, finds the single imprint of a naked foot on the sand by the shore. Who has made it? But more important, when we start to think about it, why is there only one print? Was it made by a one-legged man? We know from the text that Crusoe has not been able to improvise shoes at this stage of his narrative, so he may easily have made the footprint himself. Why then should he be so appalled by it? The reader accepts without further reflection that he is: but Sutherland is able to show with great skill that Defoe, like



Jane Eyre next for the attic

every first-class novelist, has it both ways: an immediate and vivid dramatic effect, plus a perfectly plausible and literal explanation should his reader start seriously to consider the matter.

Then what about poor, conceited little Jane Eyre? Can she, and her reader, really be confident that Mr Rochester will not persecute or even do away with her at some later point in their married life? For Sutherland is able convincingly to show that the novel is unconsciously modelled on that most popular of Victorian fairytales -- the story of Blue-

beard. And the sober George Eliot's equally unconscious recourse to fairytale at the end of The Mill On The Flors is quite preposterous — "the scene of the Tullivers' drowning is, by any understanding of the laws of hydro-dynamics and the lesser science of river-hoating, incredible". TO PASS to more intimate or

does Fanny Hill keep her contraceptives? The answer is in a secret drawer in the bedpost; and she is well versed in the use of them. And what is the reason for the deliciously awful Mrs Elton, in Jane Austen's Emma, referring to her husband as "cara sposo" instead of by the grammatical-ly accurate if by then equally vulgar "caro sposo"? Did the printer slip up? Did Jane Austen intend a further dig at her target? Or was she herself norant of the proper phrase? This is one of the few puzzles for which Sutherland is unable to offer a conclusive explanation: but his comments and suggestions are, as usual, both fascinatingly learned and full of down-to-

earth common sense. The jewel of his collection is perhaps the wonderful scene in Hardy's early novel A Pair Of Blue Eyes, in which the heroine rescues the hero from falling over a cliff by making a long rope of her underwear. The moment is far more erotically exciting than anything in D.H.Lawrence or - it goes without saying — any of the boringly explicit sexual encounters in contemporary fiction; and yet the author managed it without any rupture of the strict Victorian more vulgar matters - where

proprieties.

Our critic here offers a competition: which great novelist of the period could have best contrived that a well-bred young lady allow a gentleman to embrace her rightly, feel her breasts and look up her skirt, without the faintest hint of lubricity: the novelist describing moreover in great detail the constituents of her underclothing? Young Hardy, opines Sutherland, was the only one of his contemporaries who could have attempted such a test, let alone pulled it off so triumphantly.

No wonder The Economist observed of this splendid collection's predecessor that "if this kind of thing went on literary criticism would at last win back its good name.

Some gratified, the rest astonished

in a hotel registry, Samuel Clemens once wrote "Mark Twain." Portraying Mark Twain - being a legend - is what Clemens did for a living. As journalist, author, humorist, lecturer and American oracle, Clemens played Twain so well for

so long that almost 90 years after Sam's death most people still have to pause a moment to recollect that Mark Twain never existed.

Mark Twain was more than a nom de plume. He was an extraordinary illusion, a grand hoax, a literary gossamer (or, as Clemens preferred. Moral Phenomenon). So complete and convincing was the conjured Twain that even his creator sometimes seemed overwhelmed and could not always distinguish between his own persona and that of his imaginary alter ego. Andrew Hoffman, in his

scrupulous biography of America's most dominant man of letters, confesses his own frustration in grappling with the Clemens-Twain duopoly. Where did Sam leave off and Mark begin? Or was it the other way around? They were both spinners of colourful yarns and tellers of tall tales, and poor Mr Hoffman laments that writing the story of Sam-Mark is "like writing the biography of a liar". The baleful truth, he concludes, is that "they were two people in the same body".

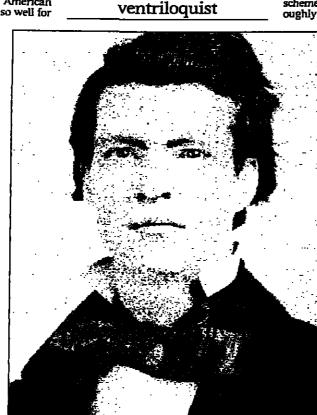
In books and essays, Clemens-Twain developed this same theme of duality, most notably between the white boy Huck Finn and the black slave Jim, or (just after the Civil War) between disputatious Siamese twins - one was Roman Catholic, the other Baptist; one fought for the North, the other for the South.

One thing is sure: Clemens through Twain came as close as anything in American literature to a truly national voice. He set his stories in the heartland of the nation along the pulsing artery of the Mississippi. His most famous characters were adolescents at the shifting frontier of innocence - shrewd, bumpkin naifs whose back-country purity was always in danger of "sivilizing" influences. He plumbed the great moral and political issues of the day, which then as now, revolved around race. His humour was deadpan hyperbole, his language American vernacular. Clemens and Twain together launched the burgeoning new America into an eternal quest for its own

national culture and identity. As a literary ventriloquist, Clemens was also another kind of American breed: the only one overriding preoccupation be-irrepressible showman-huckster. Like yond his devotion to his wife Livy and his

Raymond Seitz on the genius of America's

greatest literary



The young Sam Clemens, dashing as a steamboatman

INVENTING MARK TWAIN By Andrew Hoffman Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25 ISBN 0297 81536 9 MARK TWAIN'S LETTERS

Volume 5 Edited by Lin Salamo and Harriet Elinor Smith University of California Press, \$60 ISBN 0 520 20822 6

P. T. Barnum he invented and marketed something that was patently untrue but which everyone wanted to believe. He wore only white suits and sported a wild mane of silver hair (when Clemens once tried to liberate himself from Twain, he shaved his head). Clemens was the first American celebrity, so renowned and adulated at home and abroad that his public life became a single, continuing performance.

In his private life, Sam Clemens had

Mark Twain once advised: There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can." Sam ignored this wisdom in an endless spiral of get-rich-quick schemes, which Hoffman relates thor-

oughly if doggedly.

Restless and anxious, the peripatetic Sam Clemens was always on the go. In 1872-73, he made three trips to Britain. primarily to secure the copyrights for Innocents Abroad and Roughing It, which had just appeared in the United States. Publishers are not accountable to the laws of heaven," Twain explained as he embarked for Liverpool. Clemens was lionised by the British public, embraced by literary London and hosted at innumerable grand dinners and intimate salons, "Too much company, too much dining and too much sociability," he complained after "three weeks of undigested dinners"

> On each sojourn Sam settled into the Langham Hotel from which he scribbled notes to the likes of William Dean Howells and Bret Harte. But he loved the London life and never got around to writing down much of any significance. This is disappointing, as revealed in the latest volume of Twain's letters which cover these hectic months. The book is the fifth of his collected correspondence and the 24th in the prodigious

series which the Bancroft Library at the University of California has undertaken in order to gather together all of Mark Twain's works and papers.

With forensic precision the editors have annotated, footnoted and dissected every scrap of paper to which Twain set pen. The text reproduces Twain's cross-outs, carats and trivial emendations. This academic exactitude is impressive, and as a reference work, the book is a virtuoso of detail. But the letters themselves (309 over 543 pages) are mainly dashed-off messages about money or schedule commitments, and together form a kind of insubstantial tip of a scholarly iceberg. Not much of the real Twain shines through.

Andrew Hoffman's biography, on the other hand, is not so obviously iconographic (there is, for example, the obligatory innuendo that Clemens might have dabbled in some youthful homosexuality). Hoffman is more daring in his attempt to capture the tangled contradictions of Sam's relationship with Mark, and in this web of truth and illusion, the author sees a metaphor for America's roiling relation-

Lesley Chamberlain gets on her bike and feels the wind in her hair

The question may be broader. "What is it about women and physical fear and exhilaration" that is changing the way they understand their lives? Women walk to the North Pole, travel the world, swim in icy waters, run marathons, or, like Melissa Holbrook Pierson, they take a powerful bike across the state of Georgia in search of beauty and selfknowledge. Or maybe they just work out.

In any case, this book graphically begins to explain why to a contemporary woman the experience of her physical power and endurance should be so important. It contains a coffee table entertainment on the history of motorcycles, which makes fleeting reference to classic bikers such as George Bernard Shaw and T. E. Lawrence and feels more like a

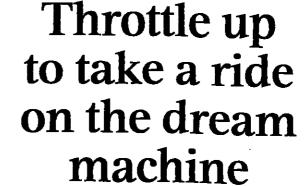
money-spinning article. But Melissa's personal story is compelling. We meet her as a twentysomething graduate in the history of art, with clever friends, caring parents and a disastrous dating record. She sends poems out into the ether and in return receives a brief to write advertising copy. Thanks to a boyfriend's example, she's started

biking and the cheque for selling her soul is just enough

That move changes her life and generates this first book. Her two biker lovers puzzle over her love of literature, but give her more confidence in life, introduce her to bikers' esprit de corps, and teach her the mechanics of the machine. Something like a Hegelian dialectic seems to apply to her romantic choices. The thrill of opposites propels her

along the path to selfrealisation, beyond them all. We leave her happily married to another writer, having discovered that motorcycles are a cure for what ails us, or for what alienates us from our own abilities.

objective correlative of the soul: "a project that is finished only when you are". Most women will be fascinated, too, by how she copes with a thoroughly sexist world of



greasy rags and girlie calen-dars, and standing calls at rallies for "tits! tits!" Motorbikes, with their culture of black leather, helmets, and noise, can be intimidating in a horribly macho way. No won-der Mussolini liked them. In 1933, the Fascist press exhorted Italy to become "a nation of motorised centaurs".

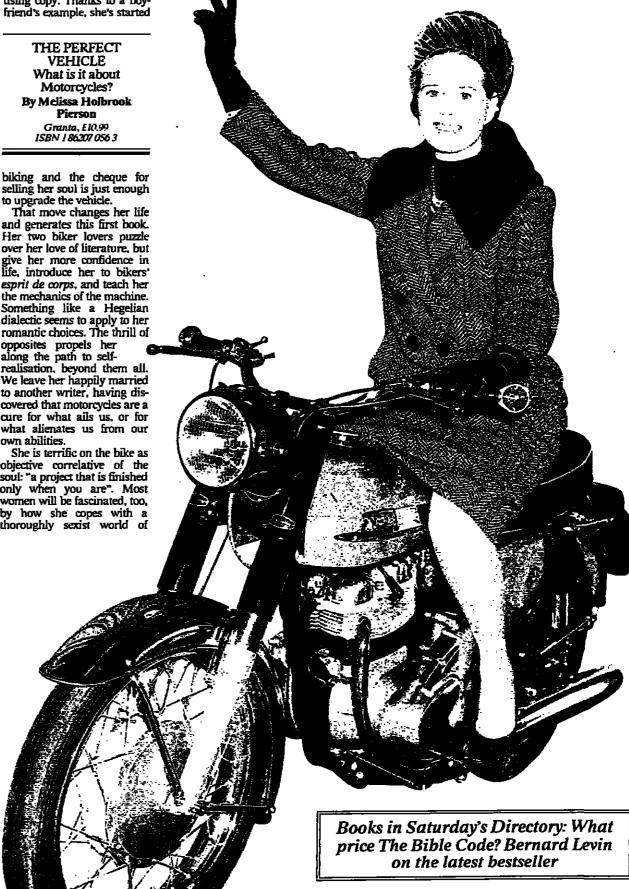
Holbrook Pierson shows us how, from the continuous fear of crashing, she and her peers derive a courage and willingness to engage in life that have nothing to do with overpowering others. The pared-down biking life also becomes a vehicle for understanding society, too. She writes of an increasingly safe life, in which it is difficult to hang onto one's dangers, and asks: "Is it too late? I sway between hope and despair. At the moment, even the growing movement based on simplifying life has spawned more commodities, books and magazines that tell you how to get there. But one uninstructed option remains: to pack a very small bag and

You may appreciate the spirit of this book even if you

hit the road."

screaming throttle. Holbrook Pierson is a romantic modern-ist whose remarks on "the poetry of the man-made world", seem oddly salutary now that most of us fear not deferring to nature. Her roads are as loved as ever was Edward Thomas's "Helen of the roads./ The mountain ways of Wales ... from her point of view you would think that the problem of urban machines invading the countryside had never arisen.

Holbrook Pierson is the first woman to write such a book. but not the first writer. Robert M. Pirsig's epoch-making Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance of 1974 was equally full of absorbing, alternately frustrating and enlightening kerbside tinkering on bike and soul, and, having cited other books in her hist-ory, she ought to have paid tribute to it. But where Zen was a quasi-philosophical work about the best life, and at times hard going, this fluent book ultimately reveals more about the strengths and limitations of ordinary human beings in pursuit of happiness.



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scholarship. Pope's elaborate spool notes to The Dunciad, for instance, have been the subject of intensive academic

The Mushri-English Pro-nouncing Dictionary, first compiled in 1879-80, is an affectionate record of the speech of Edmund Morshead, a Classics master at Winchester College with a notable twist of phrase ("individualise the coney tart", he would say, meaning help yourself to rabbit pie") and a locution that became "ligindararay". The remarks make the man: "Accelerate the Myrmidon" (tell the servant to hurry up); "Cum-cum! do not be so grumpay!"; or (of the headmaster, still abed:) "I found him, er, horizontal, but

chirpay" Now this slender work, originally distributed in "jelly-graphed" form and running to seven editions by 1901, has been reprinted with

his is a bizarre book

he has woven them into a

"quest" for Greene in which he

suggests, quite unconvincing-

ly, that he has traced patterns

author left cryptic clues.

W. J. West, who scored

a hit when he unearthed

and eccentricity; and in high Victorian England philowas thanks to Liddell and Scott's Greek Dic-

tionary, Short's Lat-

and heavily annotated but never drags its footnotes. Wykehamists had long had (and maintain) a college language known as Notions: treasured independence

in, and the gathering momen-tum of the OED.

So an elaborate prank con-cerning one individual opens many paths of inquiry. As the editor says, we know very little about what actually happens in classrooms, about that cusp of adulthood and scholarship, the sixth form -

passion for recreational lumberjacking. Has anyone investigated the private codes that many good teachers develop? Do they, for instance, serve a purpose as shibbo-leths, a kind of initiation into the ways of

> knowledge? Anyhow, this fond farrago is erudite and yet as the man used to Stray, Dept University

THE Gregynog Press, set up in 1923 and revived by the University of Wales in 1978, is being wound down once more. Its problem has been serving too many masters. financially and artistically. The company has failed to

known for presswork of international standing. The directors essentially represent the university, but the shortfall has come from the Welsh Arts Council, which has insisted on the production of a number of books in Welsh (spelling death). Now it has lost a quarter of its Arts Council funding and is likely to lose the rest. (It can't meet the criteria of "accessibility" and "participation": it doesn't do finger-painting.) But the incoherent publishing programme too must take some

David Esslemont, controller of the press for 12 years, submitted a proposal to buy it outright, but received no answer. The directors seem to intend to publish books on an ad hoc basis with freelance workers. That shows how little they know. Gregynog now looks likely to revert to conference accommodation

JIM McCue

THE SE TIMES SAVE £3 ON PUBLISHER'S RRP OF £18

Not at the heart of the matter

some wartime BBC broadcasts by George Orwell a few years ago, has now discovered **Derwent May** a number of hitherto unknown facts about Graham Greene. But in his excitement

THE QUEST FOR GRAHAM GREENE By W. J. West Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20 ISBN 0 297818228 in Greene's life to which the

The chief discovery here is that, in the 1960s, Greene trusted the control and investment of his foreign earnings to a solicitor and overseas tax consultant called Tom Roe. quently imprisoned. The money would go to Greene via a tax-shelter company set up for Greene and others in Switzerland. It was a tax avoidance scheme, but on

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the face of it perfectly legal.

Unfortunately Roe was a criminal who was caught one day in 1965, smuggling a large quantity of forged banknotes into Switzerland, and subse-

West was led to Roe by finding some letters by the thriller writer James Hadley Chase stored in an Ealing basement. Chase was a friend of Greene's and also a client of Roe's. In broad outline, West's discovery here appears to be true. Yet if you comb through his account, you find very little precise evidence for it.

Moreover, West goes on to draw a pathetic picture of Greene being forced by the Inland Revenue into unwilling exile in France after the Roe connection had been revealed. At this point in the book,



Harry Lime medical qualifications the root of evil?

Greene practically takes on the lineaments of a Roman Catholic martyr. Yet in what way or on what grounds the Revenue is supposed to have done this dastardly deed - or how much money Greene owed or lost through his dealings with Roe — are matters on which you find you are given no detail at all.

A similar blend of dramatic assertion and vagueness of fact is to be found in other episodes described by West. It is well known that as a boy of 16. Greene was sent to live for six months with a psychiatrist called Kenneth Richmond, but it has been left to West to suggest now that Greene had an affair with Richmond's wife

Zoe. He finds various supposedly mysterious incidents that he thinks lend credence to this idea — for instance, that when Greene met Richmond some time later, the psychiatrist failed to mention that he had had a son. If Greene had been told, West suggests, he might have thought he was the father. But the account in Norman Sherry's biography of Greene, both of Greene's stay at the Richmonds and of his later sexual initiation. seems to shatter West's idea. Nevertheless, West makes more and more confident references to Greene's sexual relations with Zoe.

West often finds out small facts and then sees them lurking beneath the surface of Greene's life and work again and again. He observes that Greene attended some public meetings of the 1935 Royal Commission of Armaments at which the Chaco Wars between Bolivia and Paraguay were mentioned. How often, as West sees it, do the Chaco Wars not crop up again after that in Greene's life and

books! He points out that Harry Lime in The Third Man was a qualified doctor and manages to conclude from this that Greene's "ability to see evil in a medical man" helped him to describe Papa Doc's regime in Haiti. Even weirder reasoning underlies West's suggestion that Greene may have been personally responsible for the Cuban missile crisis.

reene's own mystifica-tions about his life have led many of his commentators into strange ways. Even his authorised biographer gets so interested in the problems he has to solve that his book can seem to turn into a kind of Life of Norman Sherry by Graham Greene. West appears to be another such victim. I noticed that in

the blurb of his book, a communist friend of Greene's at Oxford whom West has dug out is described as having spent his life "in South America fighting apartheid". In South America? Whatev-

er can be behind this? Does someone at West's publishers know something he doesn't? Or is he being set up? If this goes on, I can see his next book being called A Quest for West.

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■ KITZBÜHEL, Austria, is available for £249 for a week's half-board in three-star hotels. representing savings of up to £150, from Airtours Lakes & Mountains, with flights from Gatwick on July 2, 9 and 16. Details: 01706 260000.

■ THE ROYAL Pageant of the Horse, celebrating the Queen's golden wedding anni-

versary on July 5 at Windsor, is the centrepiece of weekend tours on offer from Pride of Britain. Prices: £335 a person for two nights in a Hampshire hotel; £405 in London. Details: 01305 266440.

THAILAND's Golden Triangle is the destination for a 12-day trip with Explore Worldwide with a flight from Heathrow on July 5. The tour takes in hillside villages, temples in Bangkok and is priced at £795 a person, including some meals and a mixture of accommodation. Details: 01252 319448.

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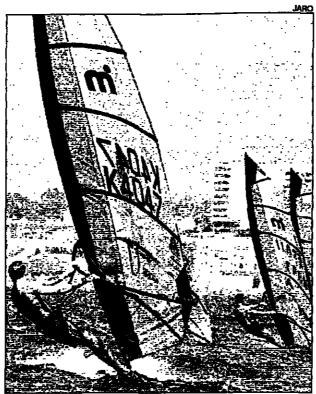


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■ BRITISH Airways has introduced a £59 Apex excursion on main domestic routes from Heathrow to Scotland along with Belfast, Manchester and Newcastle. Details: 0345 222111.



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HOVERSPEED is offering £149 returns for a car and five passengers on its new fast ferry, due in service on Dover-Calais on June 23. The fare applies to bookings by September 1. Details: 0990 240241.

■ LE SHUTTLE has published a timetable after its decision to accept reservations. Spaces will also be left for turn-up-and-go travellers. Details: 0990 353535.

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HOLIDAY INN is extending its Weekender Plus summer rates to all week from June 27 until September 7. Room prices start at £36 a night at 207 European hotels, including 38 in the UK. Details: 0800 897121.

NOBU, the Japanese restaurant at the new Metropoli-tan Hotel in Park Lane, has launched a special lunch menu at £20 a head now that it is open for lunch as well as dinner. Details: 0171-447 4747.

THE Trout Hotel at Cockermouth in west Cumbria has a pre-school holidays weekend tariff of £99.75 a person a night to include accommodation, breakfast and dinner. Details: 01900 823591.

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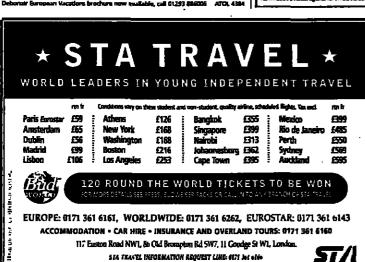
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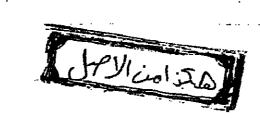


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> the more the doctor - often briefed on the guest's ability to pay by the hotel concierge -"As many visiting business people and tourists are covered by health or travel insurance, they think they can get away with overcharging," says Dr Levinson.

Michael Naylor-Leyland, marketing manager of Doctorcall, says: "If a film star calls a doctor to a hotel, he gets charged £200. This is bad for London and bad for the hotel

Levinson, managing director

of Doctorcall, a 24-hour emer-

gency medical call-out service.

The wealthier the visitor,

A private doctor call-out rate in London should average between E80 and E100 a visit. but many hotel guests are being charged at least £150. Doctorcall charges £60 for each call-out.

Meanwhile, British visitors to the United States are warned that they could face financial ruin if they fall sick and are not adequately covered by insurance. The cost of treating a heart attack

By Harvey Elliott VISITORS to London are ranges from £15,000 to £25,000, according to Home being "scandalously overcharged" for medical care by and Overseas. Britain's big-gest holiday insurance comdoctors called to treat them at their hotels, says Dr Charles

Even being admitted to hospital on a false alarm, such as chest pains which turn out to be indigestion, can cost up to £6,000.

"American hospitals won't refuse to treat emergency cases, even those without insurance," says Sarah Joannides, marketing manager for Home and Overseas. "US hospitals are basically hotels for sick people, where a single night costs between £1,250 and £2,500," she says.

BRITISH holidaymakers are convinced that they will get an upset stomach while on holiday in Europe, according to a survey carried out by the manufacturers of Pepto-Bismol, a patent remedy.

Although 75 per cent believe they will be safe at a British seaside resort, 80 per cent are prepared for an upset stomach to affect their holiday enjoyment in Europe for at least one or two days, the survey

Spain has the worst reputation, with 84 per cent of travellers refusing to touch Spanish tap water.

IN BRIEF

on hotel call-outs BRITAIN'S first new regional airport for 50 years opened last week. Sheffield City Airport hopes to capture the local business-travel market; some four million people live within 40 minutes of the airport. The largest aircraft landing there will be capable of carrying 100 passengers to the key industrial and commercial centres of Europe.

> For the seriously rich, or for special corporate entertainment bashes, Air Hanson is offering a helicopter tour of Britain's historic houses. The tours start from Battersea, in West London, and include many of Britain's best-known stately homes while offering a bird's eye view of Britain. Prices are from £1,500 a person.

Sandals, the Caribbean allinclusive resort specialist, is offering a free replacement holiday to anyone whose stay is ruined by a hurricane this year. "This will ensure that the dream holiday you have been looking forward to will become a reality," said Sandals chairman Butch Stewart.

■ The Scottish-based travel agency chain A.T. Mays has opened its first agency in Moscow and plans several more later this year. Eventually it hopes to run up to 30 shops - to be called Carlson Vacations - to cater for the booming Russian market.



England cricketers start Caribbean run

AS ENGLAND'S cricketers go into the second Test at Lord's today one-nil up against Australia, holiday firms are planning to capitalise on the team's unex-

pected success. The next Test series takes place in the West Indies from January to April next year and

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BY TONY DAWE

tour operators are hoping to book a record number of English fans eager to combine cricket-watching with a Caribbean holiday.

The first brochures have

started to appear and rival

companies are racing to sign up cricketing celebrities, including Sir Colin Cowdrey, who was created a peer in last week's Queen's Birthday Honours, to host individual tours. Alison Sullings, product manager of Caribbean Connection, says: "Itineraries can be arranged to all islands where cricket is being staged. Prices will include accommodation, flights, transfers, in-

tickets. Caribbean Connection is offering accommodation in a wide range of properties, from the luxurious Sandy Lane, costing £2,387 a person a week including flights, to the cosy and secluded Treasure Beach. at £1,613 a week.

For the ultimate cricket holiday, ITC Sports is chartering Sea Goddess I from the Cunard fleet for an exclusive cruise centred around the Barbados Test. The 14-day cruise will take in the Orinoco River in Venezuela, several of the smaller southern Caribbean islands and be moored in Bridgetown Harbour during the match. The all-inclusive

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

price is £6,675 a person. Nick Hunt, manager of Sport Abroad, which will publish its brochure next month. says: "Interest in the West Indies series has started much earlier than usual and we have received hundreds of Meanwhile, Calypso Gold

cluding those to and from the has signed up Sir Garfield cricket grounds, and match Sobers to meet clients at the venues. The company is offering a range of tours to cover different games, plus the Full Toss Tour covering all five Test matches and one-day internationals over 74 nights for £5,525 on a room-only basis or £10,700 with half-board and tickets for all matches.

TRAVEL IN BRIEF

Tom Clarke, the Tourism Minister, this week reopened the Grade I listed Littlecote House, once visited by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, as Warner Holidays' fifth "adults only" country house hotel after a £10 million refurbishment programme.

Alitalia has joined the growing list of airlines to impose a complete ban on smoking on its aircraft.

The Travel

Life's a cruise after a windfall

any years ago a sage told me that a building society is no more than a device for moving money from the old to the young, the North to the South and the poor to the

The profile of the average building society saver is still the same - older, living in the North and with modest savings. Borrowers tend to be young, live in the South and have large mortgages.

But both have had a sudden cash injection through building society windfalls. And borrowers. it would appear, have used the money to pay off some of their debts, while savers are using it to travel.

Holiday booking figures do not reveal the trend as clearly as they might hecause most tour operators and travel agents do not have a data collection system on dream sophisticated

enough and rely counting on age classification. The figures also hide

the fact that many holidaymakers - young and old are using their extra spending power to upgrade to a better-quality hotel. So the overall increase, according to the bald statistics, is only small.

But those who specialise in travel for the older person can hardly believe their booking figures - especially from the North West of England and Scotland.

Saga has so far sold 50 per cent more winter holidays than at this time last year. Older people generally like to take time before deciding where to travel. But already package holiday charter flights and

cruise liners are full of older

people, many of them with

northern accents, deter-

TIMES

mined to enjoy their sudden financial luck. The trend is certain to continue throughout the summer as they spend their unexpected wealth on the kind of holiday they have always dreamt of.

They are snapping up holidays in Australia and Borneo, China and Cuba, Kenya and South Africa. Because the older generation tend to be canny with money, they have worked out that although the initial cost is higher than the more

traditional Europe, day-to-day living in exotic destinations is very low. Even though the "headline" cost of a cruise appears high, there is an

unlimited amount of food Older and entertainincluded. people are from dancing to bridge and musispending cal shows to bingo, to keep the the bonus total cost down.

Cruising par ticularly appeals to older people, holidays so there is little wonder that Saga has bought its own cruise ship - from

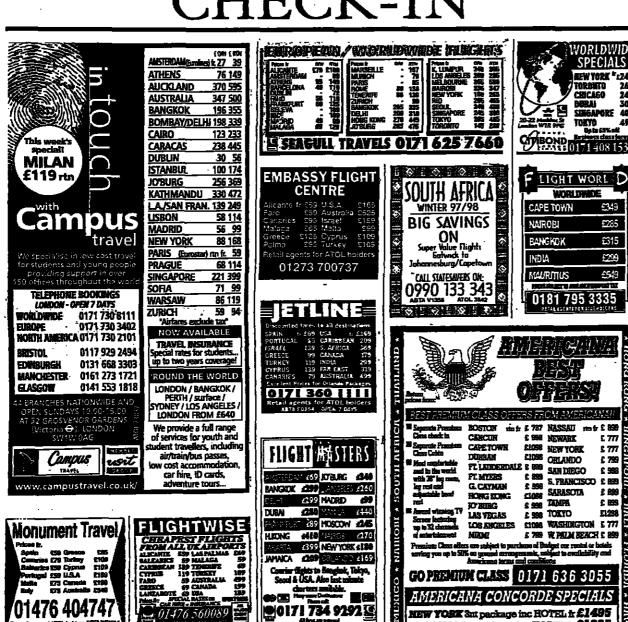
which all under the age of 50 are banned. Nearly all of the cabins have been sold for the foreseeable future, and overall cruise numbers have increased by 22 per cent in the past 12 months.

There has also been a sharp increase in another unexpected area - wed-

Within a week of the Halifax handing out its bonus, Thomson had a 30 per cent rise in the number of people booking a wedding in a foreign resort. Some were taking up to ten guests with them.

So maybe we should add another element to that definition of a building society - a device for providing more profit for the travel

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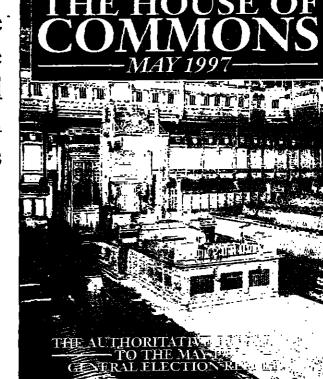






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AUSTRALIA

As John Howard starts his visit to Britain, Michael Binyon examines Australia's domestic policies and its relationship with Britain

Batting for a new partnership

s he takes his seat at Lord's today, John Howard, Australia's Prime Minister, has every reason to be happy. Not only will he be watching a game that commands his passionate love and attention in the most celebrated citadel of cricket, but his arrival at the start of a six-day visit to Britain comes at a time of unusual warmth in relations between this country and Australia.

It is a time when both countries

It is a time when both countries are striving to update and refresh their perceptions of each other and one in which Australia is riding the crest of a new reputation and influence in Britain.

With every bottle of shiraz or chardonnay sold in Britain, with every new Oscar-winning film, stage production, high-technology export and investment, the image of Australia in Britain is changing. The growing number of British tourists, the surge of business interest in the Australian economy and the visible influence of Australians in British politics are creating a general impression that Australia is a vibrant, varied, prosperous and multifaceted country.

The old cliches, the patronising attitudes and the general ignorance of Australia's sophisticated, urban culture are giving way to new associations: good cuisine, a multicultural society and regional clout in Asia. A formidable economic strength has made Australia the third largest overseas investor in Britain, established Britain as Australia's second largest investor and raised trade between the two countries to more than £6 billion.

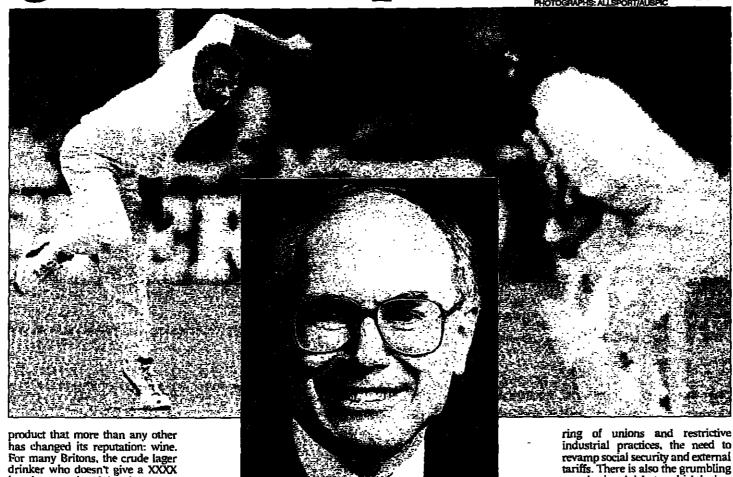
But although more than a million Australians were born in Britain, mutual perceptions are still prey to stereotypes.

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New Images, a year-long programme launched in February and comprising more than 150 events, exhibitions, lectures, festivals and industrial ventures showing unfamiliar facets of the two countries, is intended to underpin the growing economic interaction with a more solid appraisal of what the two countries have now become.

Australia, a partner in the programme, is also shaking off the last vestiges of its provincial reputation.

And Australia has one invincible



Howard: a cricket lover and under test himself

programme that entailed forcibly removing light-skinned Aboriginal children from their mothers and placing them with white foster parents. Third was the landmark judgment giving Aborigines residual rights in land that was long ago given over to sheep-ranchers and non-indigenous farmers.

The subsequent debate has been

Three events, in particular, have had repercussions far beyond Australia. First was the demagogic announcement by Pauline Hanson, a populist MP, that immigration, especially of Asians, should be curtailed. Second was the revelation of a 30-year assimilation.

tralia's global role in an Asian context? And how much guilt should attach to today's generation for the unquestionable wrong done to Aborigines for two centuries?

Mr Howard, a middle-of-theroad Conservative in the John Major mould who prefers consensus to confrontation, continuity to new departures, has come under attack. His reluctance to speak out, his political need to keep right-wing support and his steady-as-she-goes policies have been seen as ill-suited to the sudden turbulence.

He had hoped to use his large mandate to tackle overdue economic reform: privatisation, a restructuindustrial practices, the need to revamp social security and external tariffs. There is also the grumbling constitutional debate, which he has dampened with proposals for a convention this autumn to look at the monachy question.

Instead he has been thrown on the defensive. He acted deftly in tightening gun control after the shootings in Tasmania last year, and won much popularity. But his touch on these new issues is seen as less deft. This in turn has stimulated a row over economic problems, especially the persistently high the pe

unemployment rate.

He is unfazed. He is a political survivor. having lost his party's leadership and then regained it. He expected trouble at some stage, he told *The Times*. And he is sure that on both the Aboriginal land-claim demands and the definition of Australia's role in Asia he has got the halance right.

THE BIG ISSUES

Australia's ruling coalition of Liberal and National parties several points ahead of the Opposition and — like the Conservative Party in Britain — the Labor Party may have to resign itself to the possibility of two or three terms in the political wilderness.

in the political wilderness.

Since John Howard became Prime Minister in March last year, after a landslide victory, his Government has pursued a stable policy internationally and at home. The Labor leader Kim Beazley, who took over from Paul Keating after the last election, continues to put the heat on the Government over unemployment, which recently rose to 8.8 per cent.

But in truth, Australia's economy, while not exactly sparkling, does not pose any major political

problems at the moment. With inflation bovering at around 2 per cent and interest rates at their lowest level since the early Seventies, the nation is enjoying one of its most economically stable periods in more than two decades.

Australia. how-

Australia, however, is suffering many of the modern problems facing most other Western countries. Crime and drugs are rife, especially

oin addiction among the young has reached epidemic proportions. Violent crime, including armed robbery, assault, murder and even road rage, is as prevalent in Australia as in Britain.

Another area of increasing concern is youth suicide. Australia has

in metropolitan areas where her-

the dubious distinction of having one of the world's highest rates of suicide among young men.

Other issues of social concern include a high divorce rate — more than 40 per cent of marriages fail

include a high divorce rate — more than 40 per cent of marriages fail — continuing strain on the health service, funded through a 1.5 per cent levy on wages, and the old. By 201L one in five Australians will be more than 60, compared with one in ten now.

While the Government grapples

with these and many other social

problems, it is also trying to address the vexed question of taxation. Australia has one of the highest rates of personal taxation in the world, prompting the Prime Minister to float the possibility of introducing a goods and services tax (GST), similar to VAT.

The introduction of such a tax is not likely to happen, however, before the next general election, which is due in 1999. Assuming Mr Howard manages to contain his ambitious Treasurer, Peter Costello, the current Liberal leader will almost certainly take Australia into the next century.

the next century.

While he has had to bow to public pressure for a people's convention, to be held in December, on whether Australia should become a republic, there are no immediate plans for a referendum on the issue and it

seems unlikely that Australia will become a republic by 2000. The latest opinion polls suggest that roughly 50 per cent of the nation would back the declaration of a republic, but for such a course to be taken, it would require the support of a majority in a majority of states.

Labor's Kim Beazley:
unemployment concerns

Immigration figures continue to fall with the Government cutting the worldwide in-

take this year by 8 per cent to 68,000. The family reunion category, which has recently favoured Asian migrants, will be particularly hit with numbers reduced by 23 per cent. Instead there will be a greater emphasis on those migrants with attractive work skills.

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The maverick politician Pauline Hanson's "fortress Australia" view of the world may appeal to some, but most Australians realise that there is no future in isolationism if their nation is to advance and prosper in the next century. Both the Government and Opposition accept that Australia has a pivotal role to play in the Asia-Pacific region and has a vested interest in its political stability and economic growth.

ROGER MAYNARD

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the British Council's **new** IMAGES programme.

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phisticate. Paradoxically, however,

the launch of New Images has

coincided with a questioning by

Australians of their image, cultural

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events that have shaken Australian

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No room for complacency

John Howard tells Michael Binyon why Australia still values the UK

ustralia's Prime Minister. John Howard, emphasises the importance of keeping communication open to avoid complacency in Anglo-Australian relations. As long as both sides keep abreast of reality, rather than relying on the past, keeping the image up to date will take care of itself.

"The New Images programme is a good idea. It focuses on the fact that a lot of Britain is very different from the 1970s, and Australia is different from what was shown in the 1950s and 1960s."

In his first interview with

In his first Interview with any foreign publication since winning an election landslide last year. Mr Howard told *The Times* he wanted to maintain the momentum of the relationship and keep it fresh.

"It is particularly appropri-

"It is particularly appropriate for a relatively new Australian prime minister to get to know a very new British prime minister."

minister."

Mr Howard believed he had a lot in common with Mr Blair, even though they came from different sides of the political divide. Each had big majorities, with Mr Howard's 44-seat majority the proportional equivalent of Mr Blair's 179-seat lead in the larger British parliament. Each had come into government after long periods in opposition.

"It's important that leaders

"It's important that leaders visit each other. We have not had enough visits by British prime ministers." However, he noted, approvingly, that Mr Blair had a lot of contact with Australia and association with Australians.

with Australians.

One of the messages he was bringing to London was that Australia had got the balance right between its history and geography. "We are a country whose political and economic destiny is very much fied up with the Asia-Pacific region, while at the same time preserving associations with Britain and the rest of Europe and the US, with which we have enormous cultural and histori-

cal affinity.

"Australia is a projection of Western culture and civilisation in our part of the world. but absorbing into that mainstream the environment and culture of the region."

Was Australia accepted by

Was Australia accepted by its Asian partners? "The association we have is very comfortable. We add value to it because of our European and American links. It's a plus, not a barrier."

One global role Australia could play, he said, was as a conduit. The country did not carry the baggage of other Western countries — especially in its relationship with China. Mr Howard was quick to rebut suggestions that he would preach to the Chinese or other Asians. But how outspoken could he be on

human rights in China, or East Timor? "We take a practical. commonsense approach to that. We don't see a lot of value in public hectoring, because the returns are fairly small. We try to be practical without surrendering any of our own belief.

A looming test is whether he will attend the swearing-in of the Chinese-appointed Hong Kong legislature. "We're still looking at it," he remarked drily. It was a subject that could come up with Mr Blair.

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Wigmore Hall: Australian performers provide a monthlong programme of Australian music: Oct 11-Nov 7
 Australian Rules Football: Essendon and Geelong teams compete at Fosters Oval, Kennington

 Investment Seminar for chief executives from British and Australian companies at Australian High Commissioner's residence: October 6

 Night Sides: touring exhibition of 40 photographs taken at the Anglo-Australian telescope in mid-western New South Wales; from July 16

 Exhibition of the works of Clifford Possum and other Aboriginal artists at the Rebecca Hossack Gallery, Fitzrovia, London, until August 2

For more information or events: telephone: 0171 887-5202. Internet: http://www.fota.gov.au/ninew inspess home.html Australia has traditionally been a pillar of the Commonwealth, even when Britain appeared to have lost interest. "We would want to continue that Australian tradition." It was a unique institution, pro-

was a unique institution, providing opportunity for discussion and exchange. He wanted to see the Commonwealth consolidate recent political advances, especially in democracy and human rights.

cy and human rights.

Two Australian domestic issues have caused ripples abroad: the call by Pauline Hanson, the maverick rightwing MP, to limit immigration, especially from Asia; and the controversy over the "stolen generation" of Aboriginal children forcibly taken from their parents and placed in white foster homes.

n the first, Mr Howard was dismissive. "I don't believe it will do any serious damage to Australia, because it must be getting very clear that the views she expresses on Asian immigration are not the majority view." He said there could be no debate on Australia's non-discriminatory immigration policy. That would not change, even if the level and composition of immigration might.

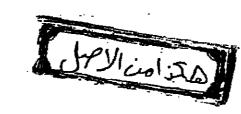
Mr Howard doubted whether there would ever be a solution supported by everyone to the dispute over Aboriginal land claims. He had proposed a compromise that he believed struck the right balance.

On the controversy over the forcible adoption of Aboriginal children, Mr Howard countered the calls for a public apology by saying that this would be "inappropriate" without an offer of compensation — which the Government is not yet proposing. But the affair was, he admitted the "biggest blemish" on Australia's history.

The third domestic issue that has resonated in Britain was the position of the monarchy in Australia Mr. Howard

The third domestic issue that has resonated in Britain was the position of the monarchy in Australia. Mr Howard—who campaigned against abolishing the monarchy—said this was no longer such a burning issue. It's a product of history. There would be a convention larger that would be a convention for the state of the st

There would be a convention later this year to look at the question of a republic. Australia's system of government was stable and workable: "We've had a crowned republic in this country for years. You don't trip on the crown every morning."



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ustralia's multibilliondollar privatisation programme has become a big draw for British companies. In the past few years many well-known UK companies have set up there for the first time.

Governments at both federal and state level have embarked on a large sell-off of assets in an attempt to raise funds, with the result that everything from electricity industries and airports to banks and railways is up for grabs.

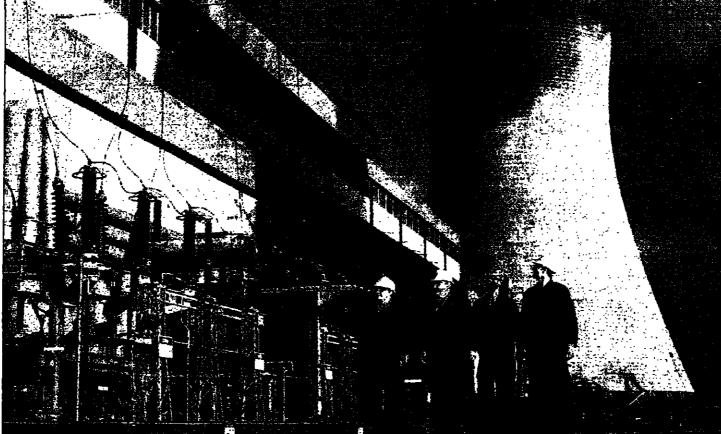
Already this year, PowerGen and National Power, the British electricity generators, have each bought power stations in the state of Victoria for A\$2.4 billion (about £1.4 billion) as part of separate consortiums; PowerGen, for example, owns 49.95 per cent of Yallourn Energy. And a consortium led by BAA, the airport operator, has acquired Melbourne airport for A\$1.3 billion. Last year the Bank of \$1.3 billion. Last year the Bank of \$1.3 billion. Last year the Stank of \$1.5 billion. Last year the Stank from the \$1.5 billion, subsequently selling half to the Australian public.

The privatisation programme is not confined to asset sales. Last year Thames Water, in conjunction with the French water giant Genérale des Eaux, won a A\$1.5 billion, 15-year contract to run South Australia's water and waste water system. More privatisation is on the way: 20 airports, a railway network, the Australian telephone giant Telstra and New South Wales' electricity industry are on the sale list.

Australia is also proving to be an attractive proposition, not only as a market in its own right, but also as a launch pad to the Asia-Pacific region. Such is the appeal that British investment in Australia has trebled to A\$48 billion during the past ten years, making the UK the second largest investor in Australia after the US, representing more than a fifth of its entire foreign investment.

investment.

British Aerospace, after more than 40 years of having a small presence in Australia, decided last year to develop its business there because of the opportunities within the Australian defence industry and because it wants to export to



A Yallourn Energy plant in Victoria. PowerGen owns almost half of the company and has spent millions on buying power stations in the state

British business starts a romance Down Under

With its acquisition of AWA Defence Industries for A\$54 million, it has become one of Australia's biggest defence companies. It recently won a A\$1 billion contract to supply Hawk trainers to the Royal Australian Air Force.

Robin Southwell, group chief executive of British Aerospace Australia, says: "Australia is a good market in its own right and it gives us the ability to do work in Asia, which we would not have been able to do out of the UK. Australia is regarded uniformly within Asia as a credible supplier of high-tech quality defence products and we wanted to take advantage of that. We are now of a size and shape to be very much part of the infrastructure of the defence industry in

Three years ago, BT established a base in Australia with a pledge to invest A\$440 million in the country

over seven years. Although na progress has been slow, the group has made it clear it intends to be a key player in the telecommunications industry there following deregulation of the market in July. Marks & Spencer, too, recently played announced its intention to open for business in Australia.

ari Oden, Marks & Spencer's newly appointed general manager in Australia. says that the company is seeking an Australian joint-venture partner and hopes to be "well represented" in Australia's key cities of Sydney. Melbourne and Brisbane within the next five years. "Australia is a natural extension of our Asia-Pacific business," he says.

"We started in Hong Kong, then grew to Singapore, the Philippines and Malaysia, and Australia is a natural extension of that. I have walked the streets of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane for weeks now, and I think we offer a quality and value that will be unbeatable. I believe there is room in the market-place for Marks & Spencer."

The level of foreign investment remains a delicate issue in Australia, however, and advisers warn British companies seeking to establish themselves that they need to choose their acquisitions with care.

One Sydney-based consultant who advises British and American companies says: "On the one hand, in areas such as energy and airports, state governments are going out of their way to encourage foreign investment. In other areas, such as banking and media, the Government in Canberra is extremely protective of Australian interests and is keen to promote local ownership. Foreign com-

panies need to make a case-by-case assessment of their prospects, looking not only at the legal restrictions, but also at the political environment. When Australia was coming out of recession in the early 1990s, every foreign investment dollar was welcomed with open arms, but now the situation is not as clear."

Investment links between Britain and Australia have not been a one-way street. Australian investment in Britain has risen 12-fold over the past ten years to more than A\$30 billion.

One of the newest arrivals is the Australian construction giant Lend Lease, which last year entered into a A\$1.4 billion joint venture with the UK group Blue Circle to develop the Bluewater retail and leisure development in Kent, one of the largest shopping centres in Europe, due to be completed in March 1999.

Falling interest rates augur well for the future

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It is not often that Australia's economists agree with each other, but after four interestrate cuts in less than a year, the consensus Down Under is that the prospects for the Australian economists.

my look encouraging.

After more than a year of economic slowdown, economists are now pencilling in GDP growth of at least 4 per cent for the year to June 1998 with a still-higher rate of growth forecast for the year after, as the impact of the interest-rate cuts flow through to the new housing market and the retail

Optimism is also being buoyed by the Reserve Bank of Australia's recent confirmation that inflation is set to stay below 2 per cent and by the Government's action to cut public spending by A\$8 billion (£3.8 billion) in a bid to return the budget to surplus after seven years in the red. Stephen Koukoulas.

senior economist at Citibank in Sydney, says: "It looks as if it is all happening. What we are seeing is that consumers have saved a small fortune on their mortgage payments over the past year and, given the propensity of Austra-

lians to spend rather than save, that is filtering through to consumer demand which will fuel the economy in 1997 and 1998."

The Government recently increased its forecasts for GDP growth from 3.5 per cent to 3.75 per cent for the year to June 1998. The optimism has spilled over into the Australian stock market, where the all-ordinaries index has risen 20 per cent since May last year and recently broke through the 2500 level, reaching a high yesterday of 2681.7.

The Australian business community remains somewhat more cautious about how quickly forecast growth will translate into actual sales, but it too is factoring in an improvement later this year on the back of the latest interestrate cut.

Steven Kates, senior economist at the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, says: "There is a sense that we have reached a turning point. Before the latest interest-rate cut last month, three-quarters of business actually expected interest rates to rise, which had created a tension and uncertainty. The fall in rates simply eliminated that concern. It just took it all away."

Mr Kates says that the Government's determination to eliminate the budget deficit by next year has also had a dramatic effect on sentiment within the business community. He says: "I think that was crucial. The Government has made the business environment much more amenable to growth by tackling the budget. It has cut out large slabs of unnecessary public spending."

The one fly in the ointment is Australia's high unemployment rate, which increased to 8.8 per cent over the past year and is

expected to decline only slightly to about 8 per cent by mid-1998. Susan Creighton. senior economist at ABN Amro, says: "Unemployment is still very high — much higher than that in New Zealand, the UK or the US."

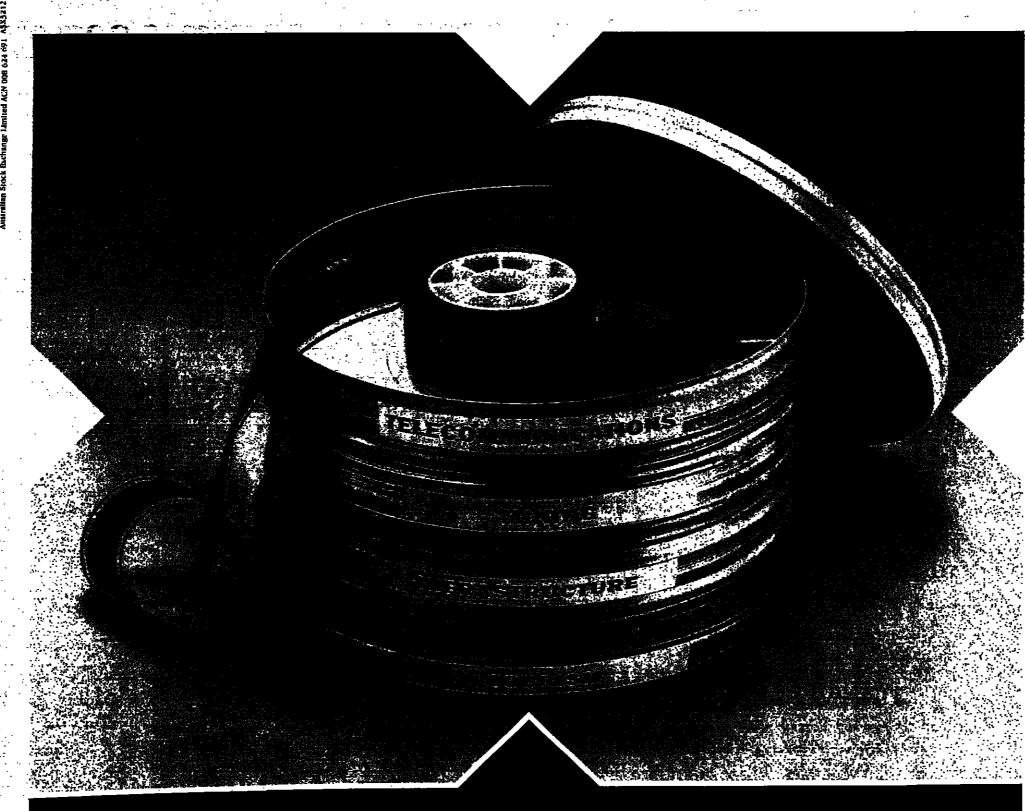
Stephen Roberts, senior economist at UBS Australia, says that the big stumbling block is the rigidity in the Australian labour market, where wages are still largely negotiated by collective bargaining.

He says: "There is no flexibility

to negotiate wages down and it is deterring employers from taking on new labour. The labour market needs further reform."

Chris Caton. senior economist at Bankers Trust, adds: "In the short term the answer to lower unemployment is faster economic growth, but no matter how fast the economy grows, unemployment is probably not going to fall much below 7.5 per cent. In the long term, the answer is more flexibility in the labour market and that is not easy to achieve."

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were born in Britain — four times more than in any other country - and 1.4 million Australians have a parent born in Britain. After New Zealand, Britain is still the biggest source of migrants to Australia and accounts for more than half of all the tourists from Europe.

The UK is the second biggest investor in Australia, ahead of Japan, and the third largest trading partner. Yet, despite the intensity of these contacts, both countries have perceptions based more on caricature than reality. Britons think that Australians

are philistines from the outback who wear cork hats, drink gallons of lager and spend their time surfing: Australians think that the British are fuddy-duddies who live on cream teas in thatched cottages, or stuck-up Posts, striding through the City in their bowlers. Douglas Hurd was appalled by

these lingering prejudices on a visit as Foreign Minister, and decided it was time to update the image. His concern came just as the British Council was preparing to celebrate 50 years' work on grammes to build on ties of language, education and history. The result is New Images — an ambitious programme that is part

THE NEW IMAGES INITIATIVE

cultural festival, part educational exchange and part trade fair.

This year, 150 events, coordinated by the British Council and with strong support from British companies and foundations, are planned to update the picture. Exhibitions, performances, conferences, seminars, tours and Internet projects are reaching out into Australian schools, cities

The Royal Shakespeare Company has brought A Midsummer Night's Dream on tour. The RTZ-CRA Kaleidoscope of Life, a major exhibition of biodiversity, will tour Australia Events focusing on David Malin and the Anglo-Australian Observatory will provide extraterrestrial images.

An exhibition of new British

artists will start a national tour at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney. Another will show off British theatre design; a gaggle of comedians has already tried out routines on audiences at the Melbourne comedy festival: writers, film-makers, politicians, classical and jazz musicians and industrialists are lecturing and holding forth to Australian audiences. There is punk, women's soccer and the latest in aerospace and British

based in Sydney, has raised spe-cial funds and diverted its budget to support the programme with almost £1 million.

The programme is reciprocal, with Australia also sending over the best in arts, music, design and industry — although on a smaller scale and with a smaller budget. having been unable, because o electoral politics, to confirm the size of its participation until the last moment.

New Images was launched by Alexander Downer, the Australian Foreign Minister, and Malcolm Rifkind, then Foreign Secretary, in February, and some of the events are already under way. It has made a greater impact in Australia than in Britain, but the arrival in the UK of the Endeavour, an E8 million replica of Captain Cook's ship built in Fremantle, Australia. and the exciting beginning to the Ashes has also raised Australia's profile in Britain.

Cook's ship is on a tour of the UK and drawing crowds and boosting tourism wherever it anchors. Whithy in North Yorkshire, where the original Endeavour was built, is already richer by about £6 million from 1 million visitors.

The participation of big companies, especially those with inestments in each other's country. is vital. BT, BA, Hilton hotels. ANZ Bank in Australia, RTZ and Saatchi & Saatchi are among corporate sponsors. They want to use the best of hi-tech to give a flavour of the new technology each country hopes will become better

known abroad. One novel exhibition is the Cabinet of Curiosities, a re-creation of the famous cabinet brought back by Captain Cook from his voyages. Supported by RTZ, it contains a representative sample of 200 years of Australian science, which traces its origins to the work of the British naturalist Sir Joseph Banks who sailed on

The British Council has made schools a main focus, especially the use of Internet hook-ups increasingly important in Australia where distance has been a barrier to communication.

MICHAEL BINYON

Endeavour is on exhibition at Greenock (June 28-July 6), Liverpool (July 11-20), Fishguard (July 26-August 3), Falmooth (August 9-17). Physoseth (August 27-21) Plymouth (August 23-31), Weymouth (September 6-9). Brighton (September 13-21), St Helier, Jersey

UK in the race for Olympic contracts

Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000 is seen by Australians as an ideal opportunity to strengthen their country's image as an innovative and welcoming member of the international community.

Much of the Olympic action will take place at a specially designed site at Homebush.

ten miles west of Sydney.
For the first time all 10,200 Olympic athletes will live in one village, within walking distance of the Olympic stadium and no more than 30 minutes away from any event. Fourteen of the 28 sporting venues have been completed and the rest are on target to be ready by the end of 1909, to allow six months of test events before the big day.

The 2000 Games will be only the second held in AustraTHE 2000 GAMES

lia, after Melbourne in 1956, built on the river and the Games site is being constructand more than four billion people are expected to tune in. ed with more than one eve on The logistical problems are its future use. The Olympic staggering. It is estimated that village, which will house about 200,000 people will need about 15.260 athletes and officials, will become a new to be transported in and out of the Olympics site twice a day suburb — provisionally called during the 17-day event and. Newington - with 1.600

houses, that will be sold. with no private transport allowed into the area, Although the big infrastructure contracts have been awarded, an estimated A\$2-3 organisers plan to lay on a fleet of 240 buses, as well as a train service capable of carrybillion worth of Olympics work is still up for grabs.

More than A\$6 billion (about £3 billion) is being To help British companies identify opportunities to work spent on improvements to the with Australian companies in Homehush site, including the specialist areas, the Departconstruction of a three-mile ment of Trade and Industry has set up a Sydney Olympics railway loop to link it to the city and the building of six Peter Bradfield, executive

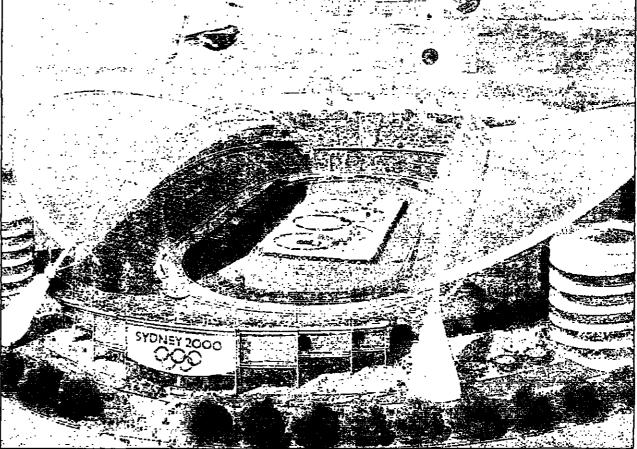
ing 50,000 people an hour.

that much of it is in areas where British companies have particular skills and specialist knowledge to offer, such as transport modelling, water and environmental management, ticketing, security and hospitality. "British companies have a lot of expertise in these areas because they have a lot of experience of managing very large sporting events both in the UK and internationally," he says.

Substantial progress has also been made in other areas. Eighteen of the 21 biggest sponsors of the Games have been signed up as Team Millennium Partners among them Ansett, Panasonic and McDonald's, each of which is understood to have put up between A\$25 million and A\$50 million - and the

remaining three sponsors are

expected to come on board



A drawing of the Sydney Olympic stadium: an estimated A\$2-3 billion worth of contract work is still up for grabs

within the next few weeks. Partly because of the strong sponsorship support, the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) forecasts from A\$1.62 billion to A\$2.33 billion. The estimated costs have also increased, from A\$1.6 billion to A\$2.29 billion, giving a small expected surplus of A\$43 million.

The Olympics factor is working its magic in other ways. Frank Sartor, Sydney's Lord Mayor, recently unveiled a A\$200 million spending programme to give Sydney's streets, parks and public spaces a facelift in time for the Games, to be funded by a combination of state, federal and private-sector money.

revitalisation of entire suburbs of residential property by improving their facilities.

Not everything has gone to plan, however, and Olympic by a series of high-profile departures from the senior management of SOCOG over the past few months.

Two presidents and a chief executive have left the board since March 1996, one president spending just six months the job and Mal Hemmerling, the chief executive, who made his name running the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide. leaving after less than 12 months.

Adding to the controversy has been the decision of Michael Knight, the New South Wales Olympics Minister, to

take over the SOCOG presidency last September, a move many fear could result in the Games becoming too en-

n ambitious A\$365 million public share offer to raise money ⊾to build the Olympic stadium turned into the biggest fundraising disaster in Australia's corporate history after more than twothirds of the 34,400 Olympic gold passes on offer at A\$10,000

hands of the underwriters. The good news is that passes, which guaranteed seats to all Olympic events held in the stadium, including the opening and closing cere-monies, will be offered to

apiece were left unsold in the

overseas Olympic committees and Games sponsors.

Australia is still grappling with the question of what sort of image it would like to takes the stage in 2000 - and growing calls for radical changes are expected before the big day. In particular, many Australians are unhappy about the prospect of the Queen, as Australia's head of state, opening the Games. Opinion polls show that a majority would prefer an Aus-

tralian to do the job. There is also a growing movement to adopt a new Australian flag - one which does not include a Union Jack – and a new national anthem.

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Where the living is easy

lthough many of the old Australian traditions still ring true - including the love of beer, beach and harbecues — the Australian lifestyle is more suphisticated now than that enjoyed by most other Western nations.

Barry McKenzie's view of Australia as a nation of lager-swilling louts is only half the

While there will always be a demand for gambling and strong drink in this hedonistic society, the other side of Australia reveals a surprisingly cultured people who spend more than £4 billion on the arts and entertainment.

Nearly half a billion pounds a year goes on buying books and more than £150 million is spent annually on arts and culture-related education. The Sydney Opera House bears testament to the nation's love of theatre and Australia's award-winning cinema industry belies its past reputation as a cultural desert.

Australian television has

also made its mark internationally with overseas sales. Away from television, the arts and a few beers around

the barbecue, the Australians

have an added passion; sport. For such a comparatively small population, Australia enjoys an extraordinary degree of success on the sports field. Australia may have lost the first Test against England. but they are still the unofficial world cricker champions, and there are few international sporting events in which Australians do not excel.



Australian seafood and wines are a gastronomic treat

The records show that Australia usually enjoys more Olympic gold medals per person than any other nation. That is largely because of a sporting tradition that starts as soon as children can walk. Young Australians are encouraged to train and partici-

pale in organised sport before

called little athletics meetings.

soccer matches, rugby tournaments and cricket games dominate every Saturday, with thousands of children being ferried by their parents from one sports avail to another.

Australia's relaxed lifestyle is the envy of the world. Enhanced by a warm climate and attractive environment. door existence at the weekend.

dining out a much less costly exercise than in Britain and there is no doubt that the multicultural influence has benefited Australian cuisine.

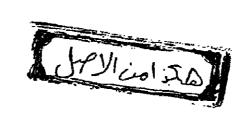
Today's menus offer a unique blend of Asia and the Mediterranean, combined with an abundance of Australian vegetables and seafood, washed down with fine local wines. The result is a culinary experience that has helped to place Australia among the gastronomic elite of nations.

If there is a disadvantage to such plenty it is Australia's failure to recognise its good fortune. Listening to phone-in shows on radio stations you could be excused for thinking that this country is at war with itself. Like the British, the Australians love a good whinge and there is no shortage of targets, from meddling bureaucrats to taxation.

It is true that Australia is one of the most over-taxed and over-governed nations in the world. Metropolitan housing is also expensive, with property prices in Sydney as high as London and New York. Even the sun has a cost: the

rising incidence of skin cancer. Five thousand people a year develop the condition and nearly a thousand die. Potentially life-threatening melanomas have reached epidemic proportions, forcing bathers to enver up on the beach and schoolchildren to stay indoors during lunch breaks.

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Michael Binyon reports on why Australia is expecting 8.7 million overseas visitors a year by 2005 to enjoy its attractions

Over the rainbow to an adventure in Oz

ustralia is one of those aspirational destinations — forever on the list of L places we would like to visit but which are seen as too far and too expensive. The thought of a 21-hour flight puts many people off. But an increasing number of Britons are finding that the long-haul flight is well worth the effort.
Last year about 385,000 visited
Australia, a growth of 12 per cent over 1995, and there was a further rise of 17 per cent during the first three months of this year.

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Tourism, foreign and domestic, is a big earner for Australia, contributing almost \$A50 billion (about £25 billion) to the economy and amounting to 6.6 per cent of gross domestic product.

Britain was the third largest market, surpassed only by tourists from New Zealand and Japan. The Japanese hold a commanding lead. with a huge increase to 1.1 million arrivals expected this year: in 1996 they spent more than \$A3.5 billion. Appropriately, they spearhead the growing number of Asians who head for Australia's beaches, shopping centres. English language schools and European arts and

Britons, who account for more than 50 per cent of visitors from Europe, tend to be more adventurous. Many are young and include backpackers and school-leavers taking advantage of the young people's working visa agreement, which allows students from each country to take temporary jobs and stay up to a year in Australia or two

TOURISM

often make for the outback and the more remote parts of the country. Nevertheless, the total is dwarfed

by the number of Australians coming to Britain. With about 600,000 arrivals last year from a population of 18 million, the figures show that, on average, one in every 32 Australians visits Britain every

John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister, and virtually every Cabinet Minister, has spent at least a year working in Britain, giving Australians an unrivalled knowledge of the country that often translates into valuable goodwill in

Australia has one enormous advantage: being in the southern hemisphere, it enjoys summer while Europe is shivering in

winter. Spurred by the fame of the Sydney Opera House, it is also building up a strong reputation for the arts, festivals and culture.

Sydney, especially, is a city with a powerful pull, particularly for the oung and for Americans. Indeed, the Mardi Gras celebration, with its exuberant gay parades, is Australia's biggest tourist attraction, bringing in more than a million visitors a year, many of whom stay throughout the February extravaganza.

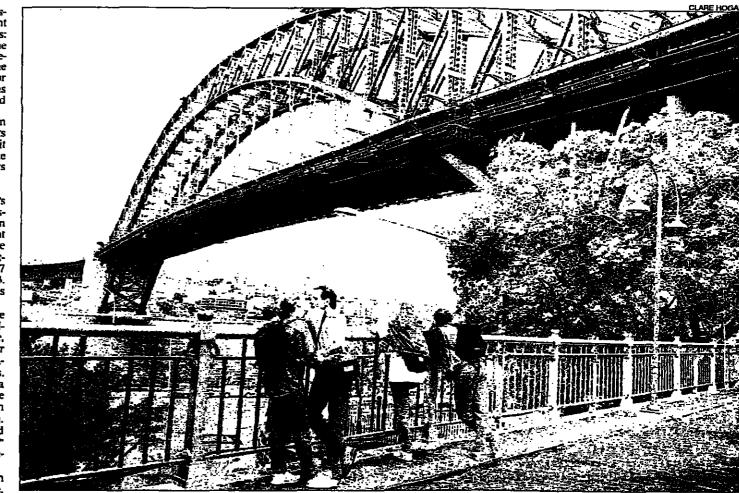
The Australian Tourist Commission is eager to market the whole country rather than just the cities. the beauty spots along the Queens-land coast or the outback. Different nationalities want different things: Australians are discovering the country's Aboriginal culture, especially at Ayers Rock and in the interior; Europeans will set off for the Great Barrier Reef; and Asians tend to stick to the cities and sophisticated shopping centres.

The country has always been able also to rely on the pull of its immigrants, whose families visit them in their new country. The British stay an average of 45 days and spend about \$A4,300 each.

ourism is now Australia's single largest export industry. earning \$AI4 billion last year. New investment is due to rise to \$1.01 billion in the coming year and tourism is expected to employ 685,000 people - or 7 per cent of the workforce - by 2003. By 2005 the Tourist Commission is ecting 8.7 million visitors.

This figure will include the increasing number who take advantage of Australia's climate, space and growing reputation for wine and cuisine to hold international conventions and conferences. At the start of the year, Australia had secured 876 conventions to be held between 1996 and 2006, with an average of 744 delegates to each. "Visitors are always surprised that there is so much to do here." says John Morse, managing director of the Tourist Commission.

'It's just a matter of getting them on the aircraft. Once they come,



Bridging the gap year: many young Britons take advantage of the reciprocal visa agreement to enjoy an extended working holiday

Drink a toast to exports

A ning wine is an approduct which has ning wine is the one done more than anything else to transform Australia's image in the UK, Rachel Bridge

Australian wine exports to the UK, non-existent a few years ago, totalled A\$250 million (about £125 million) last year — 72 million litres in volume -- an increase of 39 per cent on the previous 12month period. Not only that, but one Australian wine — Orlando Wyndham's Jacobs Creek — is now the most popular in the UK. Almost half of Australian

wine exports go to the UK and the Australian industry expects to increase its share of the UK market to 10 per cent within the next few years. Demand is so high that when

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Australian wine makers asked British supermarkets to give them less space on their shelves to avoid running out

Pat Durney, international business manager at Southknow that when they pick up a bottle of Australian wine they are guaranteed something which is of good consistent quality, is good value for money and is very approachable. Australian wine has gone from being a novelty item to being a mainstream product because people feel that they are getting a lot of bang for their buck."

Perry Gunner, chairman of Orlando Wyndham, was one of the first to begin selling produce the expected volumes back in 1986. He says: "The

wine industry has really helped to change the image of Australia overseas. Australia was seen as being all about beaches and deserts, but Australian wine is all about quality and the good things in life. It has been very good for Australia's image. It has gone way beyond our expecta-

Wine is not the only export industry to have been transformed by Australia. The country once known mainly for its sheep and gold has undergone a quiet revolution in the type of products it sells Paul Twomey, executive

general manager of Austrabody Austrade, says: "Over the past 10-15 years there has been a significant change in the content of Australian exports. These are now divided into a quarter minerals, a quarter rural products. a quarter manufactures and a quarter services. If you went back 10 years ago, rural products accounted for almost

The big growth has been in specialised manufacturing and services. For example, Australia is the world leader in fast-ferry manufacturing that's an industry that has as transport equipment.

past few years and now has a 30 per cent share of the world market. And we now export more information technology than we do wheat. There has been a very big shift."

The other major shift of the past 15 years has been the big ncrease in the amount of trade with Asia.

Mr Twomey says: "Back in 1974, exports to Europe, the US and Asia were about equal. Now, however. East Asia alone accounts for nearly two-thirds of Australia's total exports. The trade to Asia has just gone through the roof. If you go through the list of top 12 country export markets, nine are in East Asia.

"Korea, for example, has gone from No 23 to No 2 of our export destinations behind Japan, while our office in Jakarta has just gone insane in the past five years. I think we will see a big expansion in services such as education, health services, financial services and information technology. Despite this, the UK re-

mains one of Australia's largest trading partners. Exports to the UK jumped by 11 per cent to A\$2.12 billion in 1995 and by a further 18 per cent in the first II months of 1996. Much of that growth has been in manufactured goods such

Sharp edge of discovery

alone Australian scientists have unveiled a raft of ground-breaking achievements. Rachel Bridge writes. They include the world's first microscopic nano-

machine which will enable diseases to be instantly detected: the development of a world-leading ceramic fuel cell, which has been hailed as the power source of the future; and an automated diagnosis

machine to detect skin cancer.

Such scientific advances are not normally associated with a country better known for its mining and agricultural skills. But Australia has a long and distinguished history of scientific endeavour which dates back to Howard Florey's work with penicillin earlier this century - and culminated with the 1996 Nobel Prize for Medicine being awarded to Peter Doherty for his work on human immunology at the

John Curtin school of medical

research in Canberra. Australians have also proved to be some of the most enthusiastic embracers of new technological advances - the country has one of the highest take-up rates of mobile phones and the Internet in the world, and is regularly used as a test market for new high-technology products.

Australia's main areas of expertise owe much to its SCIENCE

unique environment and isolation. As well as telecommunications. Australia is leading the world in plant and agricultural sciences, earth and environmental science, biology and medicine. Julian Cribb, director of

National Awareness at Australia's national research body, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). explains: "Australia's vastness and its unique ecosystem means that we have had to come up with ways of preserving the fragile balance here and we are now finding that the solutions to those problems are in great demand worldwide."

He says that one of the particular strength of Australian research has been its ability to draw on ideas from all scientific disciplines — the nanomachine combined the disciplines of physics and

"By using the knowledge and insight of scientists from a wide range of disciplines we are able to think laterally and not get boxed in to a particular way of doing things," he says.

larly good at finding practical. low-technology solutions to highly scientific problems, he says, making them especially suitable for use in developing countries. Australian scientists, for example, recently developed a hardy heat-resistant vaccine to compat disease in poultry which can be stored

remote villages. Over the years there has also built up a strong tradition of collaboration between Australia and Britain, most notably in the development of the Anglo-Australian telescope in New South Wales which was jointly funded by the two countries and provides equal access to astronomers from Britain and Australia.

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collaboration between CSIRO scientists and a British team led by Dr David Clarkson at Long Ashton laboratory. There are also more than 400 formal or informal links between British and Australian universities.

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Rebecca Sharp finds cutting edge

THACKERAY could easily have been inspired to write the first lines of Vanity Fair at Royal Ascot yesterday - no shortage of bucks ogling the women, knaves picking pock-ets" — but he would then have been forced drastically to rework the plot.

The Rebecca Sharp he created was devious and selfish. The one who yesterday became the toast of Ascot not only had four legs, she proved herself willing to make the most generous use of her talents. Most enchanted were those who supported her at 25-1 for a game win in the



Coronation Stakes. A rather larger number, perhaps, saw Rebecca Sharp as adhering closely to her namesake's dangerous example. They had sent Sleepytime off at odds on to follow up her emphatic success in the 1,000 Guineas. where Rebecca Sharp had trailed in thirteenth.

Kieren Fallon had been hoping that Sleepytime could force her rivals into submission from the front, but she was never able to get there: and though briefly threatening to justify a suspicion that she is a filly who makes her own bad luck, when short of room turning for home, she simply failed to quicken once the gap came.

leepytime went on to finish



Michael Hills drives Rebecca Sharp, nearside, to victory in the Coronation Stakes. Photograph: Phil Cole / Allsport

Sharp, who took over from Khassah approaching the furlong pole, overcame her inexperience - it was only her fourth outing - to hold off Ocean Ridge by threequarters of a length. Classic Park, the race's other classic winner, shared Sleepytime's inability to muster enough pace on the fast ground and finished fourth.

Geoff Wragg, the winning trainer, has a fine record at the royal meeting and his faith in the filly - a daughter of

Machiavellian, by way of explanation for her name - had been undiminished by her mysterious failure at Newmarket. "I couldn't understand it," he said. "I knew she would run a really good race today, and I tried to persuade the owner at lunchtime that she would nearly win."

The owner in question. Anthony Oppenheimer, had also hoped to see St Radegund carry his colours in the opening Jersey Stakes. But last

Sharp's galloping companion. broke her leg at exercise. She has at least been saved for breeding, which cannot be said of First Island, whose death on Sunday had left Wragg without a stable star. The void has been filled.

Rebecca Sharp's revival after a classic disappointment doubtless provided food for thought for the connections of Entrepreneur, so deflated by his flop in the Derby. The three Michaels involved with

Kinane - combined to win the Jersey Stakes with Among Men. Kinane's was an outstanding ride, floating across to the stands' rail from a wide draw and forcing his mount back up close home after being passed by Kahal.

Of Entrepreneur, Stoute said: "We were baffled by the Derby, quite frankly. Getting beaten is one thing, but that wasn't him. He didn't come there and just run out of petrol, so that we could say he

long way out." He added that the Irish Derby, on Sunday week, may come too soon for Entrepreneur, but nor has he yet ruled out the race.

uting to a major gamble on Among Men, and his Irish-trained filly, Heeremandi, was also the subject of dizzy business in the ring — backed to win over £250,000 in major bets in the Queen Mary Stakes. But, dropping in distance, she fared no better than sixth behind Nadwah. who gave Peter Walwyn his twenty-first training success at the royal meeting (though his first since 1990) when

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SOUTHERLY WIND (5.30 Royal Ascot) Next best: Celeric (3.45 Royal Ascot)

shading the appropriately

wayward Crazee Mental The 50-1 runner-up swerved violently left under pressure, but Walwyn indicated that the winner also had her quirks. Like most ladies, she is brilliant but can be a bit tricky." More like Rebecca Sharp, in fact, than Rebecca

Red Robbo enhanced Reg Akehurst's remarkable record in big handicaps when catching Crown Court in the Royal Hunt Cup. But the Epsom trainer, also a specialist whenever you need somebody to protest too much, said: "I honestly fancied Tregaron [28th] more today, and if you saw both horses working, so would you. But the old horse had a lot of weight today."

As Thackeray says, at the end of Vanity Fair: Which of us has his desire, or, having it.

Carnaryon's happiest memories is

of Highclere's victory in the 1974

Prix de Diane at Chantilly. "The

The chance of applauding a royal

winner this week now lies with the

Tempting Prospect in today's

Ribblesdale Stakes, a race the

Queen has won three times. The

omens are good. Crown Of Light

and Yashmak, the first and second

favourites, both ran in the Oaks,

Tempting Prospect, who brought

the Queen her 600th winner at

Newbury last autumn, was second

to Yashmak at Newbury last month.

Carnarvon is optimistic. "She

doesn't mind the ground and she's

bang on her racing weight. There

success in the Ribblesdale.

cheers were deafening." he said.

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Celeric can use finishing dash to telling effect

2.30: Crown Of Light and Yashmak, third and fourth in the Oaks, are the form choices. but fillies who run well in the Epsom classic often fail to reproduce their best in this race. Of the pair, Crown Of Light, who arguably had an easier race, is preferred unless heavy rain arrives overnight, which would favour Yashmak.

However, the value is to be

found elsewhere. Sarayir should come into her own over this distance, having faded in the 1,000 Guineas. A case can be made for Maid Of Camelot and Akdariya, but I like the each-way claims of Tempting Prospect. Her half-sister, Phantom Gold, and granddam, Expansive, won this race and it has been the target for the Queen's filly for some time. She was in need of

her seasonal debut behind Yashmak at Newbury and has thrived physically in recent

3.05: Bodyguard, a Zafonic colt who cost 165.000 guineas as a yearling, impressed when making a winning debut at Newmarket before following up at York, but his form has not worked out well. Pool Music had five previous winners behind him when taking the National Stakes at Sandown last month. They included Nadwah, the winner of yesterday's Queen Mary Stakes, and Banningham Blade, who ran well in the same race. Significantly, the Aidan O'Brien-trained Danyross was less than four lengths away in fourth, which should give the Ballydoyle trainer a guide to his chance with Hopping Higgins. Arawak Cay, an impressive winner at Newmarket eight days ago. will not be far away.

3.45: Celerie can triumph in the day's feature race provided the forecast rain stays away. His defeat at the hands of Persian Punch at Sandown last time is best ignored because of the muddling pace and riding tactics on a track which did not suit. Pat Eddery is likely to keep the five-year-old covered up for as long as possible and, after getting a lead to the final furlong. Celeric can pounce near the line.

Classic Cliche, last year's winner, is the form choice but may be on the decline. Persian Punch will be hard pressed to confirm Sandown form with the selection on 51b worse terms and Samraan, third in iast years of Leger, looks bigger threat over this trip. If the heavens open, the French challenger Nononito, third last year, would have a major

4.20: Royal Applause, a course and distance winner, has looked the best sprinter CONTROL OF

around this term and his high cruising speed is a potent threat. He is probably the form choice, but I am keen on the chance of Lucayan Prince, who won the Jersey Stakes at last year's meeting and has conditions to suit for the first time since. The David Lodertrained runner is best when produced late in races with big fields and a strong pace. The selection should be able to reverse last month's Curragh form with Burden Of Proof and Catch The Blues. Blue Goblin trotted up in a Newmarket handicap 19 days ago and is open to considerable

4.55: Cape Verdi is nominated by Robert Sangster and Peter Chapple-Hyam as their "banker" of the meeting and, while it is dangerous to get carried away by hype, she was a striking winner when making her debut at Newmarket 19 days ago. The Caerleon filly should be suited by today's extra furlong and can go on to better things. Ajig Dancer, just beaten by Chapple-Hyam's Dance Trick at Newbury, is held in high regard by Mick Channon and is one for the shortlist, along with Exbourne's Wish and

5.30: A high draw is a big advantage in large fields over this trip, but the horses with the best form, such as Banbury. Salamah. Memorise and Ciro's Pearl are all drawn low. Star Precision has won her three starts this term but almost certainly needs soft ground. Generous Gift has a touch of class and makes some appeal, while Henley's front-running tactics will be an

taking a risk with the stamina who won over six and seven suggests he will stay. The form of his victory over Pontefract's stiff track last month has



In search of winners by royal appointment purple, gold and scarlet colours flash past the winning post is not confined to the British. One of Lord

BEFORE racing began at Royal Ascot yesterday, Lord Carnarvon, racing manager to the Queen. observed: "You don't want to let the public down at meetings like The Derby and Royal Ascot if you can help it. They want the Queen to have a winner as much as she does."

Dancing Image, trained by Ian Balding and the favourite for yesterday's Royal Hunt Cup, was the horse Carnarvon hoped would oblige the crowd. But the four-yearold gelding, who had confirmed his wellbeing when second at msnea fourth, his jockey, Frankie Dettori. unable to make his move early enough in the cavalry charge down the straight mile.

"It's one of those races in which you need all the luck in the world," the ever-cheerful Dettori said. Carnarvon, who has managed the Queen's racing interests since 1969, Jenny MacArthur assesses the impact of the Queen's

runners on a highlight of the racing calendar

was philosophical. "He ran a terrific race. It might have been different if he had been able to get out."

The Queen, whose arrival at the racecourse yesterday was greeted with excited cheers and raising of top hats, gained her first win at Ascot in 1953 - two weeks after her Coronation. The following year Aureole, later twice champion sire, won ine Hardwicke Stakes. Surprisingly, after such a fast start, there have since been only 15 Royal Ascot successes - most recently with Phantom Gold in the 1995 Ribblesdale Stakes.

Whether she wins or loses there is always a post-race analysis with Lord Carnaryon. Her knowledge of racing is disarming and she fre-

quently catches him out. "When my son-in-law. John Warren, bought a grey mare [Grey Angel] from South Africa recently the Queen was the first to notice that she was closely related to the winner of this year's Derby," he said.

Most of her horses, all of which she names herself, are home-bred. She has 22 mares — which she to ireiand as well as the United States to have covered and 30 horses in training, twenty with Lord Huntingdon and the other ten divided between Ian Balding and Roger Charlton.

Decisions on whether to run a horse are taken jointly. Whitechapel, who looked her most likely winner this week, was withdrawn

from yesterday's Bessborough Stakes because of the ground, which remains good to firm. "We waited to consult the Queen this morning before making the decision." Car-narvon said. "She knew there was a possibility he might not run, he's a nine-year-old and the last thing we want to do is run on ground that doesn't suit him.'

Plans for the Queen's runners are meticulously drawn up at the beginning of the year. Carnarvon has a meeting with Lord Huntingdon to plan their objectives. One of this was mumonanuy fulfilled earlier this month when Arabian Story won the big handicap on Derby day. "It's much more fun for the Queen if her horses run well when she is there." Lord Carnarvon said. "The public loves it too. Arabian Story had as big a

reception as the Derby winner." The thrill of watching the famous

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3.45 GOLD CUP (Group I £113,556: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

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☐ For the second consecutive day, the attendance at Royal Ascot yesterday was a record. A total of 58,642 people attended the meeting, heating the previous best for a Wednesday of 57,741

advantage from stall 19. However, it could be worth of the progressive Southerly Wind. The Lynda Ramsdentrained colt is out of a mare furlongs, but he is by Slip Anchor and his style of racing

RICHARD EVANS



Ishing dash Black pays high price to prove he means business of the risks THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 12... ATHLETICS: FORMER MEDICAL STUDENT GIVES WORLD CHAMPIUNG.... Black pays high price to prove he means business of the risks of the

again. But, hey, the more you are injured, the more you take

To maintain myself physically for a year costs about £25,000, assuming I have one operation a year." Black said. Cometimes one wonders whether Black, now in his thirteenth international season, has learnt more about body breakdown as an athlete than if he had finished his medical studies.

Last January, Black went in for his fifth operation. Same routine as the winter before. event, the final will be all Same surgeon, same hospital, same bed," he said. Even the operation was identical, though it was to his right knee this time, instead of his left.

"I don't know what I will be going in for next year," Black said, his wry sense of humour functioning as normal. "But I have no problems spending that money on maintaining my body. One, it is tax reductible. Secondly, if you want to be the best, you have to invest in yourself."

Black. Atlanta Olympics 400 metres runner-up, wants to be the best, but whether his investment returns a gold medal at the world championships in Athens in August may

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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3-1 Incider Trader, 11-2 Mousehote, 7-1 High Dorrain, Theatre Magric, 8-1 Test And A Hall, Chemicast, 10-1 Time To Tango, Kalar, 12-1 others.

TRAINERS: H Cool, 13 winners from 36 numers, 36 1%; L Common, 9 from 34, 26.5%; W Hagges, 5 from 23, 21.7%; B Hills, 7 from 33, 21.2%; J Famshave, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Johnston, 20 from 107, 18 7%.

2.45 RICHMOND CONDITIONS STAKES

3.20 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP

STAKES (3-Y-0. £2,843: 1m 2i) (12 runners)

depend largely on Michael Johnson. Will the authorities contrive to let Johnson in, though he failed to qualify for the United States team through the usual channels? If they do, which event would Johnson, Olympic and world champion at 200 and 400 metres, choose?

"I will not double," Johnson said during the early season. If he is not there in the 400 metres, if the global athlete of 1996 is missing from Black's sparklers and no rocket, but there will still be a gold medal to be won.

Black accepts the inevitable "that, if you win, everybody will say Johnson was not there" - but he has striven too long and hard, seen too many surgeons, and is still without a world individual victory, to undermine the title in his own mind. Anyway, it is no gifthorse. The 400 metres is so bursting with talent that it will not fall far short of the best quality events in Athens.

During last summer, Black recorded the three quickest times in the history of British 400 metres running. While Athens is his priority, it is not

the sole focus, as Atlanta was. So will Black chance blowing up to run fast?

"Absolutely," he said. "Last year, I ran within myself. I do not mean I took it easy but there is a fine line between going out in your comfort zone and staying in it. This year is about going beyond that."
This year is also the tenth
anniversary of Thomas
Schonlebe's European record of 44.33 seconds.

fter three months of A spring training in California, Black wanted to go public with his progress last week. However, Europe's No I was, curiously, not good enough for the Nuremberg meeting promoter and was omitted from the race. Nevertheless, Germany will still host his grand summer entry, in the European Cup in Munich this weekend.

The competition marks the end of Linford Christie's reign as the Great Britain men's team captain. Then Black takes over. A change of captain, a change of ideas.

"You could argue that the captain in athletics is not as important as in football, crick-

dealt with and, if young athletes had realised there was somebody they could go to to talk it through, the role would be a valid one.

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Linford has played that role with certain athletes and I hope I can do so with a wider spectrum. There is a communication part to be played with athletes, management and press, and one of motivating the troops. I think that has been missing the last few years. This is not a criticism of Linford because there has been no defined captain's

Black is an experienced motivational speaker. "I won an Olympic silver medal at the age of 30 after four operations. so I must have learnt something along the way," he said. One lesson he has learnt is

never to be afraid to speculate to accumulate. His £25,000 a year body maintenance includes having a massage therapist under contract.

"It is investing in yourself as a business," Black said. In Munich this weekend, it should be business as usual: nothing less than a victory is expected from the two-time European champion and double European Cup winner.



Black promises to run outside his comfort zone in the quest for a European 400 metres record in August

RUGBY UNION

Props must lead **Lions forward**

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

THE time for playing games swiftly how aggressive the with the opposition will come to an end today when the British Isles confirm their XV to play South Africa in the first international at Newlands here on Saturday. Having originally hinted at prevarication until the morning of the match, the Lions selectors will revert to what is still, in rugby

The fact that the players know already, together with a period of reflection amid the vineyards of Stellenbosch, has probably convinced Fran Cotton, the manager, that the world will know sooner rather than later. Prevarication can be interpreted as a sign of weakness, and though some team members are still recovering from minor injuries, Cotton's mind is made up.

terms, normality.

The players, even those who will not be involved in the match squad, were informed by letter yesterday morning after a two-hour selection meeting on Tuesday night and were reminded that this will be a three-match series in which fortunes will ebb and flow. The team trained in private for two and a half hours and will undertake a closed session today.

The critical area for the Lions is the front row. They have come to realise very

scrummaging remains here and statistics have revealed that the average number of set scrums on this tour has been 29 per match as against 19 lineouts, which had been the dominant set-piece for the past few years until the most recent law changes.

They are also keenly aware that referees award scrums at the drop of a hat to the attacking side, rather than permit genuine rucking. Both sides will talk with Colin Hawke, of New Zealand. the referee on Saturday, whose country perfected the art of rucking, yet here, to lift a foot to an exposed ball on the ground has become almost an indictable offence and instead what may be called a "hand-

ruck" takes place. The likelihood is that Tom Smith has done enough to secure his place at loose-head prop and that David Young will shade Jason Leonard at tight-head, with Keith Wood hooking. Should that be the case, Smith will be proud to follow where his fellow Scot, lan McLauchlan, went before for the Lions in the winning series of 1971 and 1974.

DAVID HANDS'S LIONS SELECTION: N Jenkins, I Evans, J Guscott, A Bateman, A Tari G Townsend, M Dawson: T Smith, N Wood D Young, L Dallagio, M Johnson, S Snaw, R Hail, T Rodber

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> 3.30 IDEAL STANDARD HANDICAP 9-4 Alagna, 5-2 Sporest. 9-2 Kingdom Peal, 6-1 Big Bang Kustom for Klassic. 7-1 Bonne Ville, 25-1 Bella Departa

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3.55 R L DAVISON & TORCH MOTOR POLICIES AT LLOYD'S HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,810: 1m) (15)

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(6) -063 MONARCH'S PURSUIT 23 (V) T Easterby 7-10

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SOUTHVELL THUNDERER 2.20 Miss Puci. 2.55 Private Fixture. 3.30 Alagra. 4.05 Awesome Venture. 4.40 First Gold. 5.15 Chadleigh Lane.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 JAK POINTS MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,277: 5f) (12 runners)

2-1 Miss Puci, 9-2 Boar Page, 13-2 Happy Days Agam, Jen's In The Know, plongenus, 10-1 Doppmil, 14-1 Sociel Set, Blamey Park, 16-1 officers.

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5 5004 BOLD HABIT 66 (C.F.6) J Pestca 12-9-2 ____ G Bartheell 3
5 5162 CHAMPACNE WARFIOR 6 (C.F.6) M Carricche 4-9-0
7 9000 SAFA DANCER 14 B McMathon 4-8-11 ______ L Newton 8
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3-1 Green Power, 6-1 Vitatibat Nachwan, 13-2 Vanishing Trick, 7-1 Jack Flush, 8-1 Boater, 12-1 Hawari, Greeneway Bay, 16-1 Plan For Profit, 20-1 others

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5.05 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP

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4.40 ARMITAGE SHANKS APPRENTICES SELLING HANDICAP (£2,008: 7f) (15)

5.15 BARLOW WARMASTYLE HANDICAP (£3,382: 1m) (12)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRABERS: J Banks: 9 womers from 41 summers, 22.0%; P Harris, 3 from 17, 17.6%; C Cycler, 5 from 50, 16.7%; M Meagher, 3 from 18, 16.7%; M Carnacho, 21 from 138, 15.1%; J Gyra, 31 from 212, 14.6%; JOCKEYS: 6 Milliagon, 3 warners from 13 rides, 23.1%; K Stant, 3 from 13 rides, 23.1%; K Stant, 3 from 138, 12.3%; S Wichster 16 from 148, 11.0%; G Duthield, 26 from 239,

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS 5 Lord Advocate (5th), 14 Monaco Gold, Philmst (4th), 25 Ballet De Cour. 40 Fox Sparrow, 9 ran, 1¼1, 2½, 81, 11, 11 M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote £8 00; £2 80, £4 40, £1 10 DF £17.20. Tno: £43 50 CSF: £43 51 Tricash £246 62.

Royal Ascot Going: good to firm 2.30 JERSEY STAKES (Group II. 3-Y-O £34,700: 71)

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Cochrane (66-1)

ALSO RAN. 9 Tayseer, 10 Meshed, Nightberd (5th), Shaheen, 14 Captain Collins (4th), 16 Men Howa, 20 Andreyev, Indiscreet, Via Verbano, 33 Satin Stone, Wind Cheelah, 50 Groom's Gordon, Peartree House (6th), Supercal, Tumbleweed Pearl, 66 Cryhavoc, Omaria City, 20 ran. NR. Well Warned, Woll Mountain. 141, 2th, 141, 141 M. Stoute at Newmarket, Tote: C4.90; 52.20, 51.70, 511 10 DF: 67.50 Trio. 5270.70, CSF. 216.58.

3.05 QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group III 2.Y-O: 227,040 51) NADWAH b f Shadeed - Tadwin (H al-Maktoum) 8-8 R Hills (10-1) 1.

Crazee Mental b 1 Magic Ring - Corn Futures (H O'Donneli) 8-8 J Carrol (50-1) 2 Daunting Lady b f Mujadii - Dauntess (E Nageli-Erichsen & Mr T Dale) 8-8 Pat Eddery (4-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 7-4 tay Heeremandi (6th), 8

ALSO HAN: 7/4 tay Freerenand (soft), 8 Ascot Cyclone, 12 Mugello, Pacafica, 20 Child Prodigy, 25 Forest Treesure (5th), 33 Banningham Blade (4th), Com-pradore, Foldore, 40 Eleonora of Arborea, Kilcora, 50 Bodfariostanction, Fley Brog, Heeverty Abstone, 100 Jay Gee, 18 ran Sh hd, 3l, sh hd, sh hd, 5l P Warwyn at Lamboum Tote, 511,30, 53,00, 510,10, £130, DF: £1,364,40, Trio £524,30 CSF: £409,44, After a stawards' inquiry, result stood. 3.45 CORONATION STAKES (Group 1. 3-Y-O; £121,199 1m)

RESECCA SHARP b 1 Machisvellian -Nuryana (A Oppenheimer) 9-0 M Hills (25-1) 1. (Creen Bridge b / Storm Bird - Polar Bird (Codolphin) 9-0 Gary Stevens (16-1) 2. Sleepytime b 1 Royal Academy - Aliciwa (Creenbay Stables Ltd) 9-0 K Fellon (5-6 tay)

ALSO RAN: 4 Classac Park (4th), 6 Moontight Panadise (6th), 8 Khassah (5th) 6 ran 41, 21, 19, hd, 41 G Wragg at Newmark. Tote: 14, 70; £3.50, £4.20. DF: £72.10 CSF: £274.12

4.20 ROYAL HUNT CUP (Handicap. 959,200: Im) RED ROBBO b c Red Ransom - Auni Jobista (Lucayan Stud) 4-8-6 O Pesite

Crown Court b c Chief's Crown - Bold Courtesan (Lord De La Warr & Mr M Kerr-Dinsen) 4-8-7 Pat Eddery (12-1) - Cadeaux Tryst b h Cadeaux Generaux -Trystero (M al-Maldourn) 5-9-4 R Hills (33-1) - 3

Dancing Image ch g Salse - Reflection (The Queen) 4-8-5 L Dettori (9-1 tav) 4. (The Queen) 4-8-5 L Dettori (9-1 tsv) 4.

ALSO RAN: 11 Hawksley Hil, 12 Bold Words, Crumpton Hil, Gold Snets, Mawmgo, Tregaron, 20 Dreams End, Yalta, 25 Gates, Lonely Leader (6th), Sky Dome, Tertium, 33 Another Time, Forza Figlio, Hall's Pal (5th), Kayvee, King Ot Tunes, Ramooz, Saltan, 40 Nejm Mutbeen, Pomone, 50 Celestial Key, General Academy, Iamus, Kala Sunrise, Law Commission, 66 Aftensoses, Vamishing Day, 32 ran, 31, 31, hd, nk, 114, IR Alkahurst at Epsorn, Tote 228 10; 55.20, 52.10, 51.40 DF: 2254.80.

Trio, 25,063.20, CSP: £141.89 Tincast: £5,689.78.

4.56 QUEEN'S VASE (Group III: 3-Y-Q: \$32,450; 2m 45yd) WINDSOR CASTLE B b c Generous -One Way Street (HRH Prince Fehd Selman) 8-11 T Quinn (9-2) 1. Three Cheers V bb g Slip Anchor - Three Talls (Shelith Mohammed) 8-11 L Dettori

Cyzeri 9-8 K Hallon (12-1)

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Public Purse (5th),
9-2 Winter Garden (4th), 9 Flitting
Around, Shir-Take, 12 State Fair, 16
Assured Gamble, 20 Sauseliko Bay, 40
Flatcher (6th), 11 mm. NR: Edorado. Nk,
21, 34, 11, 1341. P Cole at Whatcombe
Tote: S800; 52:10, 51.70, 53:30 DF:
517 60. Trio: 900.70. CSF: 236.27. Atter a
stowants' incultiv. mest stood. stewards' inquiry, result stood. 5.30 BESSBOROUGH STAKES

(8-1) Nabhaan b c in The Wings - Miss Gris (H al-Maktourn) 4-9-9 R Hills (14-1) 2. Willie Conquer ch g Master Wille -Maryland Cookle (R Tooth) 5-8-11 A Clark (14-1) 3. Mazurek b c Sadiers Wells - Meria Waleska (Kammac Pic) 4-8-1 Paul Eddery (13-2) 4.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £38,261.65 carried forward to Royal Ascot today). Placepot: £4,586.30. Ouadoot: 2789.60

Hamilton Park

Going: good to soft, good in places
2.10 (Im 65yd) 1, NAIVASHA (P Fessey,
10-1), 2, Robbo (D McKeown, 7-1); 3,
Bluebelf Miss (M Band, 7-1), 4. ISO RAN
2-5 hav Jadr Knight (4th), 66 Sweet Note
(5th) 5 ran. Nk, rik, sh hd, 81 J Beny at
Cockerham. Tote E7 80; £4.50, £2 10
DF: £14.10 CSF £59.32

DF £14.10 CSF £59.32

2.45 (Im 11 36yd) 1, PRINCIPAL BOY
(Dale Gibson, 5-2 tav), 2, One Life To
Live (G Parkin, 14-1), 3, Leff The Lucky
(O Pears, 100-30). ALSO RAN, 7-2
Askern, 15-2 Double Flight (4lth), 8 Out
On A Promise, 16 Hutchies Lady (5th), 25
Biff-Em (6th), 8 ran, NR, Farlieks Prince,
Nk, 41, 21, 81, 9L T Etherington at Malton,
Tote: £2.80, £1.10, £3.60, £1.10 DF,
£28.10 Trio £30.40 CSF £34.54
Tnost: £106.52.

3.20 (Si 4yd) 1, ELLENBROOK (P Fessey, 5-4 lav); 2, Patricia Offive (Dale Gabson, 5-2); 3, Mightly Sure (G Parkin, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 16 Diamond Steve (4th), 4 ran, 3l, 1l, 10l, J Berry at Cockerham, Tote £1 60 DF: £2 60, CSF £3.83.

CSF: £3.83.
3.55 (5I 4yd) 1, PALACEGATE JACK (T E Durcan, 11-8 fay); 2, Donna's Dancer (Km Tinkler, 9-4), 3, Leading Princess (N Kennedy, 4-1), ALSO RAN 9 My Satzarelo (5th), 50 Del (4th), 100 Mides Man (6th), 6 ran 33-1, 13-1, 21, 101 J Berry at Cockerham Tote £2.00, £1 30, £1.10. DF: £1.90 CSF. £3.69 Bought in 4,400gns.

4.40gns.
4.30 (6f 5yd) 1, MISTER WESTSOUND
(N Kennedy, 14-1); 2, Natural Key (A
Culhane, 7-4 fav); 3, Suedoro (P Fessey,
20-1). ALSO RAN. 3 Gamock Valley, 8
Bold Street (5th), 10 Craigle Boy,
Shorttaine (6th), 12 Pallium, 25 Another
Nightmane (4th). 9 ran 1-1, 14, 2, nt, nt,
Miss L Perratt at Ayr Tote: £10.60, £1 30,
£1 30, £5 80 DF: £9 70. Trio: £35.00
CSF. £34.84. Tricast £463.10. 5.05 (1m 5/9yd) 1, HASTA LA VISTA (G Parkin, 11-2); 2, Trilby (T E Durcan, 3-1), 3, Tissue Of Lies (D McKeown, 6-1). ALSO RAN 7-4 fav Golden Hadeer (6th),

220 (6f) 1, Calchas (G Duffield, 7-2); 2, Bernardo Bellotto (4-1); 3, Super Rascal (6-1), The Thruster 15-8 tev 10 ran. 6l, 15/. M Prescott Tote: £11.00, £2 10. £2.60, £1.10 DF: £13.00. Trio. £42.60 CSF £18.79

Wolverhampton

Placepot: £264.10.

Quadpot £16.80.

Going: standard

2.55 (2m 46yd) 1, Petoskin (M Wigham, 6-5 tav), 2, Castle Secret (5-1), 3, Mister Aspecto (5-2), 5 ran Sh hd, 5t, J Pearce Toler (2.20, £1 10, £2 70 DF £3 60, CSF £7 26 3.30 (1m 4l) 1, Goodwood Lass (G Dutfield, 7-2), 2, Nicola's Princess (5-1), 3, Needwood Nichtin (10-1) Rassyel 3-1 fav. 7 ran. 81, 11 J Dunlop Tote, £3-60, £2.00, £2.80, DF: £10.00 CSF £18-52

4.05 (5f) 1, Malibu Man (A Daly, 9-2), 2. 4.05 (5)] 1, Maibu Man (A Day, 9-2). 2. Manolo (2-1 fev): 3, Napier Star (10-1) 10 ran. 5, sh hd E Wheeler Tole 26 90; £3.10, £1 90, £2.40 DF £22.90 Tro. £138 90 (part won, pool of £70 45 camed forward to 4.20 at Royal Ascot today) CSF: £15 55 Tricast £92.72.

4.40 (50) 1, Risky Whisky (C Lowther, 7-2); 2, Grited Baim (11-2), 3, I'm Not Sure (20-1) Sun in The Morrang 6-4 tax 8 ran Hd, 25t J Berry, Tote £8 80; £2.50, £1.40, £6 70. DF: £12.10. CSF £21 55. 5.15 (1m 11 79yd) 1, Mercilesa Cop (M Tebbutt, 7-2), 2, Canadian Fantasy (5-2), 3, Royal Roulette (10-1), Krabloonik 2-1 fav 7 ran 1%, hd B Meehan, Tote: 55.30, £10.10, £1.10 DF £9.10 CSF £13.00

Placepot: £388.50. Quadpot: £100,60.

Berry sparkles with treble at Hamilton

JACK BERRY, the Cocker- over Patricia Olive in the ham trainer, was the man to follow at Hamilton yesterday when he completed a treble with Naivasha, Ellenbrook and Palacegate Jack. The three winners took his course tally during the last decade to

Paul Fessey had particular reason to thank Berry as, by riding the first two legs of the treble, he drew level with Royston Ffrench in the race for the 1997 apprentices' championship. Fessey was seen at his best on Naivasha. poaching several lengths at the start and again at halfway before taking the Rutherglen Limited Stakes by a neck from

Berry was busy saddling runners at Royal Ascot but his on and assistant, Alan, said: "Paul is riding at the top of his form at the moment. He gave this filly a great ride and through getting away quickly and upping the tempo in the middle of the race he virtually stole it."

Fessey also made all on Ellenbrook, who ran out a over ten furlongs at Longdecisive three-length winner champ this afternoon.

Drumloch Claiming Stakes. Palacegate Jack, the concluding leg of the Berry treble, came home under Ted Durcan in the Loch Striven Selling Stakes.

After he had retained the winner for 4,400 guineas, Berry said: "Ted said he's a bit of an in-and-out performer. The horse is certainly a bit of a

Linda Perratt saddled Mister Westsound to land the Rotary International Convention-Glasgow Handicap. The successful rider, Neil Kennedy, was riding his seventh winner of the flat season when booting home the 14-1 Miss Perratt said: "Mister

Westsound has now won four races for us, all in Scotland. 1 think today's trip of six furlongs is his best although he is entered in a seven-furlong race at Ayr on Saturday." □ John Gosden has booked Dominique Boeuf to ride the 1995 Derby second, Tamure. in the group three La Coupe

d6 Re8 Nbd7

b4 b3 Nxe4

Rab8

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge correspondent

The match between the United States and Italy determined the winners of the Forbo International tournament in the Hague in February. This was one of the key hands - Bobby Wolff went

down for the old reason of playing trumps too early. Game all Dealer East **♠**K853 **₹**J1096 **QLA ±107 4A62 ♦** Q 10 9 7

TQ2 ₹754 **◆K74** +8632 +KJ984 ÷J4 **VAK83** +Q105 ₽AQ63

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: four of diamonds Wolff (South) opened a strong

No-Trump and arrived in Four Hearts after a Stayman inquiry. He won the first diamond with the jack and ran the jack of hearts. Versace won and returned a heart. Wolff took this in the dummy and no longer had the communication to ruff two clubs, and so had to go down.

By contrast, Bocchi, for Italy, accurately took a club finesse at trick two, and won the diamond return to play the ace of clubs and then ruff a club high. When East discarded on this trick, he crossed back to hand in trumps to ruff a second club; now the failure

of East to overruff indicated that the queen of hearts was with West, so he played off two top hearts to drop the queen offside and make an overtrick, for a gain of 13 IMPs.

In the European championships, the Great Britain Open

team has had a series of good results. On Tuesday, they beat Ireland 23-7, and yesterday they defeated France 17-13 and Iceland 16-14. The Britain women's team made an excellent start to their tournament. defeating Italy 24-6. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

BITTERLING a. Small beer b. Resentment c. A fish

CUNJEVOI

a. A French Herald b. A flower

c. A sonnet ending

Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

a. Thorough chewing Bows and arrows c. A grammatical mistake FOX-MARK a. A fox's pad-print

b. An archer's target c. A damp stain

FLETCHERISM

Answers on page 49

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Record rating

In spite of his defeat by Deep Blue, Garry Kasparov still dominates the world rankings. A preview of the World Chess Federation rating list on July I shows that the top five are Kasparov 2,820 (new world record), Kramnik 2,770, Anand 2,765, Topalov and Karpov both 2,745. The leading British players are Michael Adams 2,680 (world No II) and Matthew Sadler 2,665

Kasparov revived

Kasparov bounced back quickly after his defeat by Vladimir kramnik in Novgorod to score a savage win in the very next round against Boris Gelfand. Gelfand's opening was somewhat passive and Kasparov established a grip on the position with a number of neat factics. His final coup was 37 ... Bfl. an extraordinary move which left Gelfand defenceless. White's last chance to defend would have been to play 29 Rxe5 dxe5 30 d6. Having missed this, Gelfand succumbed.

White: Boris Gelfand Black: Garry Kasparov Novgorod, May 1997

Queen's Indian Defence 4 a3 5 d5 6 Qc2 8 Nc3

Bxc3 Pxb1 Bc4 Nxd2 Nd2 Bxe4 Bg2 Qe1 f3 Qb8+ Qxa7+ 017 Kx11 Ke1 Qh4+

17 Qxb3

18 Qc2

Kd3 White resigns

Ke2

Times book The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Ray-mond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Bassford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus

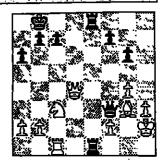
postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Zajontz — Gartner, Lauffen 1994. It looks as if the Black attack has broken through and that his threats on the kingside will be decisive. How did White

turn the tables with a clever combination? Solution on page 49



CRICKET

Dogged Atherton cast in mould of **Hutton and May**

MICHAEL ATHERTON will be leading England for the 42nd time in a Test match at Lord's today, not to mention the 44 one-day internationals in which he has also captained them. The figure has a significance because, until now, Peter May, with 41 Test matches in charge, held the record for England. Allan Border had the stamina, skill and stoicism to lead Australia in 93 Tests and an exorbitant 178 one-day internationals.

From a selection of other England captains, W.G. Grace led them 13 times. Douglas Jardine 15 times, Sir Leonard Hutton 21 times and Michael Brearley and Ray Illingworth each 3I times. What these figures show is the increasing intensity of the job. though not the increasing demands made upon the incumbent. To make a success of it. anyway statistically, it is essential to be able to call upon one or more of the best bowlers in the world, which, of the captains I have mentioned, only Atherton has not been in

Even to survive in the job for any length of time it is necessary, these days, to be mentally and physically resil-ient. May and Hutton were both worn down by it. To keep going, as Atherton does, argues the staunchest of temperaments and considerable self-possession. He is not the great batsman that Hutton and May were, and as a tactician he reflects the greater uniformity of the modern game. I expect it was this that moved Fred Titmus to criticise Atherton's captaincy in somewhat extravagant terms earlier this week.

Without Atherton, however, England's chances of recovering the Ashes would be very much reduced. His players are shoulder to shoulder behind him, and he will spare himself nothing in going after the great prize. His batting average when he has been in charge is 46.52, and there is no possible way of achieving that against all the best bowlers in the game, without being very

Atherton has always driven well through the covers and tucked the ball away adroitly and productively off his toes, and two or three hooks that he played off McGrath and Gillespie in the one-day internaJOHN WOODCOCK



Test Match Commentary

tional at the Oval were not so much good strokes as brilliant ones. Above all, though, it is his ability to concentrate and never to let go that makes him the Test cricketer that he is. May's first England captain

was F.R. Brown, but the influence that made much the strongest impression on him was Hutton's, under whom he played 20 of his first 22 Test matches. Hutton yielded nothing and risked nothing. To him. Test cricket against Australia was not played for fun. The Australians were hard men who played a hard game and were hard to beat. To Hutton, "that nice Mr Miller", as he sometimes called him with a twinkle in his eye, was the devil incarnate when he ran in to bowl. May and Hutton would have approved of Atherton, both as a captain and a player. He is just their stubborn and steadfast. But neither of them would have declared on Graeme Hick when he was 98 not out in a Test match at Sydney - the saddest moment

HOW THEY COMPARE

Peter May
Captaincy record: matches 41, won 20, lost 10, drawn 11 Batting record: As captain: immgs 65, runs 3,080, average 54,03 Hundreds: 10 (highest score 285 not out v West Indies, Edgbaston, 1957) Overall: matches 66, immings 106, runs 4,537, average 46,77 Hundreds: 13

Michael Atherton

Like Atherton, May was 25 when he took on the England side. He had the job thrust upon him, and had had no first-class experience of cap-taincy. But he had Trueman and Statham and Bailey and Tyson and Laker and Lock to bowl for him, and Alec Bedser to dispense words of wisdom and Denis Compton to play the occasional special twilight innings. Of May's 41 Tests as captain, England won 20 and lost 10. Perhaps his most blithesome hour came at Old Trafford in 1956, when Laker routed Australia with his 19 wickets for 90 runs and the Ashes were retained.

May was never one for the limelight. Although unfailingly polite, he was not a natural communicator. Off the field he could make himself very scarce. But his players knew where they stood with him; they never doubted his loyalty so long as they tried their hardest. Like Atherton again, May was not generally impressed by the press. Atherton does, in fact, write a newspaper column, something May would never have entertained; but to some extent that is because he is the more cerebral of the two. As the England captain in Australia in 1958-59, May had to contend with a nest of Australian throwers; in West Indies the following winter his health broke down, and at 32, when still a wonderful player, he had had enough.

ited no star players. If there is a way in which that could be said to have been an advantage, it has done nothing for his record. If he had had a Botham or a Willis as Brearley did, or an Underwood or a Snow as Illingworth did. England, under him, would have won more than II Tests. But a broader intellect than most, an acquired love of fly fishing as a means of escape, a calculated imperviousness and boundless tenacity have all helped to keep him going, and, after the last Test match, it was not the England captain who looked dishevelled. So a special cheer, please, for Michael Atherton when he goes out to open the England innings in this Test at Lord's, even from those who

have yet to be won over!

Atherton, for his part, inher-

Healy proves a hard man to keep down

Simon Wilde hears the Australia wicketkeeper

defend gamesmanship on the cricket field

West Indies Test player once said of lan Healy, Austra-L lia's craggy wicket-keeper. "He is a difficult man to ignore." This was deliber-ately something of an under-statement, given Healy's supposed reputation for getting under the skin of opponents. It is a reputation that Healy, who plays his nineti-eth Test match today at Lord's, does not entirely disown.

"I could count on the fingers of one hand the number of times I have sledged in Test cricket," he said, "but I admit I like to be in the thick of things. I like the image of the craggy keeper and I'm hard to keep down. If I don't do well one day. I'll be back the next. I'm competitive and aggressive and, sure, I'll fire up in tight

"I do not think there is a place for sledging, but there is one for what I would call gamesmanship. Saying something that is not abusive but may change a batsman's thinking is OK. Short leg saying 'this batsman looks nervous' might help unsettle him. I do not condone sledg-

ing."
To distinguish between gamesmanship and sledging may sound to some like convenient semantics, but there is plenty of evidence to suggest that the elder statesman of the Australia team he is 33 - is mis-labelled. For a start, he is far too charming a fellow off the field, surely, to be the spitting cobra of legend on it.

Healy is an advocate of forthright but fair cricket, which is the image one has of Australia under Mark Taylor. There is a notion that the team is somehow a less aggressive outfit under Taylor than it was in the later years of Allan Border's stewardship. "I know this is a popular perception, but it is simply not true." Healy

According to Healy, Australia have been winning Test matches for the past four years by building big totals and giving their bowlers the chance to bow! the way they want to the fields they want, and leaving the opposition in the unpleasant position of knowing that, if they play well, they might - might scrape a draw. Knowing that



Healy warms up at Lord's as he prepares to make his ninetieth Test appearance

Australia cannot lose must be as comforting to them as it is disconcerting to the oppo-

Denying them access to this comfort zone appears to be the best way to undermine them: as West Indies and South Africa amply demonstrated during the winter. tions in which the ball is runs. We would have done on the fifth day or end in a ling the series."

doing something. And it certainly worked for England in the first Test at Edgbaston two weeks ago, where Australia were all out in two and a half hours on the first day for

"We could have grafted better," Healy said. "We were being rolled over, but we

better to think in terms of getting to 200 rather than still thinking in terms of 300. That would have taken some of the pressure off.

"But we are not good at getting our heads down when we are up against it and do not always get the draws we should. That said, Test crick-

tight draw, otherwise it will not keep up with society." Australia's two-year spell without a drawn Test match is cited as evidence of Taylor's positive approach, but perhaps owes much to their own frailties. Rampi as lea

If England bowl first at Lord's today, they should need no greater incentive to dismiss Australia cheaply than the chance once again to deny Shane Warne the luxury of bowling to attacking fields. Whether he is physi-cally or technically capable of taking advantage of a large Australia total is now a moot

Though Warne admits to feeling jaded after his immense workload of recent years. Healy refuses to be drawn into discussing the bowler with whom he has formed such a successful partnership. Healy's stature as a wicketkeeper has been enhanced by his ability to keep for his versatile leg spinner, and he has played his part in keeping Warne's methods shrouded in

mystery.

"I don't want to talk about

'I could count on the fingers of one hand the number of times I have sledged in Tests'

Shane's bowling," he said. I've talked about it so often in the past. There is nothing more to say." And, in saying that, he said a lot.

Healy has set no time frame for his retirement but wants to leave on his own terms and in Australia. It could happen early next year. at the end of a home series with South Africa. By then he will have become the first wicketkeeper to play in 100 official Test matches and should have passed Rod Marsh's world record of 355 dismissals. To date, he has 308 in 89 matches. He will not want to go

without keeping a hand on the Ashes, though, and admits to finding England a different team on this tour. "There is something there that has changed." he said. "They are obviously playing as a team and for their country, rather than as individuals. Of course, we know about our record at Lord's. but do not want to think about past history or anything else that might distract they are vulnerable in condi- should have eked out more et must either end in a result us from the purpose of level-

Brown responds to rattle of Worcestershire teacups

By Jack Bailey

WORCESTER (first day of four: Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 382 for seven wickets against Worces-

ALTHOUGH this New Road pitch was not as hard and bouncy as most of those at the Oval, it was sufficiently welcoming to make Surrey's batsmen feel at home. To complete the friendly feeling. Worcestershire's depleted bowling resources lacked the sharp edge to cut through a sense of comfort that was established early on.

Having said that, neither Alistair Brown nor Jason Ratcliffe could have batted much better in scoring 179 from 38 overs for the fourth Surrey wicket. Nor could Ratcliffe have asked for better conditions in which to make a career-best 135, his first centu-

ry for Surrey. As for Brown, well, his second championship century of the season was within three balls of being made between lunch and tea; it came from 107 balls, with two sixes and 16 fours the plums in a very rich

Before he was taken at midwicket, Graeme Hick's third catch of the innings, Brown was beginning to enjoy himself hugely. Leatherdale's line and length had been among Worcestershire's few assets. Now, he was plundered for 14 in an over, including a large six into the executive diningroom. Brown had already rattled the tiles on the roof of the Ladies' Pavilion, when tea was being taken.

Throughout the day, Worcestershire's bowlers tended to have trouble in finding a good length, although Brown's ability to hit hard off front foot and back left no margin for error.

Surrey were at least prevented from pulling right away. Although not quite the thoroughbred his name would imply, Sheriyar is a good stayer. He accounted for both Ratcliffe and Brown, as well as Ben Hollioake who looked somewhat out of place coming in at the fall of the second wicket in a four-day match.

Freedom of stroke is his trademark and it would be wrong to discourage him. Yet he had hardly had time to assess the pace of the pitch before he essayed a wristy stroke and Leatherdale snapped up the catch at cover

Day in, day out, you do not find many more wholehearted contributors than Worcestershire's Stuart Lampitt. He it was who took the first two wickets, those of Kennis and Shahid, both with the expert assistance of Hick in the slips. But by the time Hick again illustrated that there is no safer pair of hands in the game by catching Brown, Surrey were well on their way to a handsome total, despite some searching bowling by

Leatherdale. He moved the ball away from the right-hander off the seam and even when he was past his half-century, Ratcliffe was left sparring outside the off stump. You could see how Leatherdale came to take five wickets for ten runs against the Australians.

Byas gives Johnson cause for reflection

By RICHARD HOBSON

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four. Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 359 runs behind Yorkshire

CAPTAINCY can be the making of some players, while others regress in the very areas that brought them promotion. David Byas underachieved in that he failed to reach 1,000 runs last season. his first as the Yorkshire skipper, but something will have to go horribly wrong for him to miss out for a second

His hundred against Nottinghamshire yesterday was his third of the season and by some distance the most important. Called to the middle when Richard Kettleborough fell to the ninth ball of the day, he planted his right leg down the pitch, resisted anything that moved away outside his off stump and swatted away the looser deliveries with

Already there is a formidable appearance about the Yorkshire total of 364. By

including an extra batsman, Nottinghamshire conveyed much about their expectations of the surface. Yet, while Evans and Bowen found some assistance, they struggled to hit a consistent line. Evans, whose best spell was his last, will bowl better and return worse figures than his

six for 91. The only semblance of a chance offered by Byas, before he reached his century in 211 minutes, came when he drove Astle close to Robinson at mid-off. Otherwise he was untroubled and had hit 14 fours and a six before his innings came to an inappropriately tame end when he drove Astle to Johnson, who accepted a good low catch at mid-on. At last, the Nottinghamshire captain had reason to smile. having inserted

Yorkshire in the first place. Rvas received sound support from Moxon in a secondwicket stand of 103 and had another substantial partnership, one of 135 in 29 overs, with Lehmann, who scored the seventh half-century of his first county season.

Lewis keeps Kent at bay with belligerent century

DARLINGTON (first day of

four: Durham won toss): Durham have scored 215 for seven BY DINT of winning four

matches in succession, Kent, as their travelling radio reporter put it in homely speech, have swept to the top of the county championship table. Other than Sussex, the sides they have beaten have not shown a great deal of resolve. Yesterday, though, they were unable to rid themselves

of one Durham batsman, Jonathan Lewis. who stayed in all day, and whose concentration and application were His unbeaten century was

all the more praiseworthy because nobody else made more than 26. Durham, who won the toss on a slow pitch, in conditions that did not assist any bowler, collapsed to 127 for seven before Boiling gave Lewis the support that he deserved. Kent bowled and fielded for much of the day like the confident and competent side they are.

By Ivo Tennant

Lewis knows his limitations and bats consciously within them. He has not become as good a batsman as Essex thought he would be when he made a century on his championship debut for them against Surrey. He could not hold down a regular place and, at the age of 27, has had to look elsewhere to succeed. The lack of bite in the pitch

was to his advantage. Headley, playing his first championship match for a month, deserved more than one wicket. McCague's pace was likewise nullified and a good deal of the howling was entrusted to Strang and Fleming, who took two wickets

There were three stoppages for rain in the afternoon, although none affected Lewis's concentration.

Throughout the day, Durham had a struggle to score at more than two runs an over. They play at Feethams, in the lee of the football pylons, in two out of three seasons, and the pitches are invariably slow. Strang had to rely on

flight and guile. In his second over, after Durham had al-ready lost Collingwood, he had Morris caught at silly point off a quicker one of yorker length and, next ball. bowled Speak behind his legs. The attempted shot was a

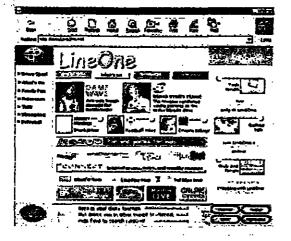
sweep, which was too ambitious for a batsman palpably out of form. In the next over, Boon, who like Speak had not scored, failed to get to the pitch of one outside off stump from McCague and edged to second

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slip.
When Speight was held at gully off Headley. Durham were 76 for five. Fleming accounted for Foster through a sharp catch at first slip by Wells, and held a chipped shot from Betts in his follow

through, but Lewis remained. He collected a good number of his 15 fours through cover drives and working the ball off his legs. When he did play and miss, he was unconcerned. With Boiling, he added an unbroken 88 for the eighth wicket, in the course of which he reached his first championship century for Durham.



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CRICKET

Ramprakash seen as leading light

BRISTOL (first day of four: Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand. are 180 runs behind Mid-

THE Middlesex captaincy could be the making of Mark Ramprakash. The perceived wisdom is that he does not have the temperament to play well under pressure, which explains why he has been out of the England side since the tour of South Africa the winter before last. He proved other-

Ramprakash could hardly have been under greater pressure with his side fighting for survival at 47 for five on a pitch that looked green but was, in fact, dry and cracked like a mosaic. Harry Brind, the inspector of pitches, was on his way before lunchtime yet Ramprakash still managed to lead his side out of

trouble with an innings of the

highest class.

He scored 75 and so inspired the lower order that Keith Dutch made a career-best 79 and Jamie Hewitt a defiant 38 to lift Middlesex to a total of 237. That was looking highly competitive when Gloucestershire lost three wickets for 55 and Lynch was forced to retire

Ahmed and van Troost leave

the field with injuries that

may prevent them bowling

again in the match. Dermot

Reeve, the club coach, was

among the substitute fielders.

had skilfully negotiated the

first hour, Leicestershire were

in clover. Maddy scored 58,

Wells 70, Sutcliffe - who only

played because Habib was

injured - a maiden champ-

ionship century and Whitaker an unbeaten 78. Sutcliffe, 22.

struck 17 fours in his hundred,

and showed strength on the

awarded caps to Shine and

not respond to their new

status. Van Troost's return

from seven years on the staff

is 129 wickets in 63 games but

Somerset believe he may yet

fulfil his potential and re-

member his part in the recent

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

defeat of Lancashire.

van Troost, but the pair did

Before

side and considerable

play, Somerset

Once Maddy and Wells

Sutcliffe shines while Somerset fall short

BY SIMON WILDE

BATH (first day of four: Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 337 for three wickets against

ONE hundred years ago, Lionel Palairet, the Somerset stylist, took strike from John Barton King, the celebrated fast bowler from Philadelphia, and Bath's first festival was under way. Not much has changed since the sport still tries to export itself to the Americans - Philadelphia's interest proved short-lived and the festival remains a delight, though how long Somerset will find it economic to play at their last out-ground

is questionable.
Palairet was out to King for and Somerset's day yesterday came to naught as well. Shorn of Caddick, they bowled poorly in the morning on a pitch of uncertain bounce, dropped expensive catches and saw Mushtaq

hurt after being struck on the

This is an important match for two sides whose emergence as championship contenders has probably surprised even themselves. Gloucestershire led the table until the last round of matches and Middlesex briefly went to the top after out Glamorgan bowling

For a few moments in the morning, it looked as though they might go the same way. The ball moved around, the bounce was alarmingly uneven and Mike Smith, the leftarm swing bowler who is pushing for an England place, was just the man to exploit the

In his first five overs he took three for nine, pinning Kallis leg-before, having Gatting dropped in the gully first ball and then bowling him with a delivery that kept devilishly low and getting Pooley caught behind. With Lewis claiming Weekes leg-before and Young having Brown caught in the gully, half the Middlesex batting had gone inside 19 overs.

Only Ramprakash, defending with a classic technique and punishing the loose balls unerringly, had been able to cope until he was joined by Dutch in a sixth-wicket stand that was to raise 86. Ramprakash made 75, hitting 13 fours and a six, before he was leg-efore to Alleyne and Dutch went on to 79 with 11 fours. Dutch was finally bowled by Smith, who also had the stubborn Hewitt caught behind

Then it was Gloucestershire's turn to suffer. Trainor top-edged an attempted pull against Johnson to the wicketkeeper and Cunliffe and perished to the revitalised Fraser, one caught behind, the other beautifully picked up at second slip by



Gatting is bowled by Smith before Ramprakash and Dutch revived the Middlesex innings

Hayden hungry for more

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four: Northamptonshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 335 for four wickets against Northamptonshire

THERE is a hunger about Matthew Hayden's batting that smacks of a man shunned. Discarded by Australia after their tour of South Africa, he took some time to settle in England, but Hampshire are now reaping rich rewards from the 25-year-old Oueenslander.

At Wantage Road yesterday, Hayden scored his fourth century in as many matches. as he set about facilitating what would be Hampshire's third consecutive victory with a fine 150 off 226 balls.

Hayden has expressed the the first hour, to find his desire, within the Hampshire timing, pulling and driving dressing-room, to score a triwith languid precision. ple century before the season By detecting the swinging

is out, and his display yesterball early and playing it late. day gave further credence to Hayden has plundered 899 that craving. Asked to take first use of the wicket in dingy first-class runs at an average of over 80 and, in conjunction conditions, batting was initialwith James, took full toll of a ly hazardous as Northampthreadbare attack with a second-wicket stand of 189. Taytonshire's seamers obtained lor, exacting a semblance of ample assistance from the wicket, but they frittered away the new ball by bowling revenge, removed James in identical fashion to his no-ball "dismissal" for a well-made wastefully wide. Hampshire lost Laney in 56, which heralded the arrival the fourth over to Boswell, and of Robin Smith.

Hayden eventually fell to an excellent slip catch, and Tavonly for Nigel Plews to signal a no-ball. Thereafter, the tide lor added the scalp of Kendall next ball, leaving Smith to guide the visitors safely to the den, without a boundary in

Derbyshire | Glamorgan in turmoil as Barnett speaks out

BY BARNEY SPENDER

DERBY (first day of four. Sussex won toss): Derbyshire, with eight first-innings wick-ets in hand, are 197 runs behind Sussex

A WEEK after his petulant departure from Derbyshire. the Dean Jones Affair continues to rumble on, with the County Ground rife with rumour, uncertainty and assorted press statements, two of which were issued by the club and one by Kim Barnett, a former captain.
The first insisted that

Jones's exit was not, as he had suggested, caused simply by differences with a couple of senior players but was the result of "a deterioration of relationships with an overwhelming majority of the players". It also stressed that the position of their other Australian, Les Stillman, as coach was "unchanged".

The second said Barnett was to be fined £500. with another £1,000 suspended. after comments on the affair on local radio contravened a club media gagging. Barnett, in turn, did not take the field after tea but issued his own statement, which will cost him the additional fine, saying he will appeal and that nine of his ten teammates had offered to chip in.

No names were mentioned as to who was the odd man out but it seems more than coincidence that Jones's greatest ally, Chris Adams, was left to loiter on the boundary for much of the day. The official explanation that "he is finding it hard to concentrate seems barely credible.

There was little respite on the field as Sussex crawled along at less than two runs an over before Peter Moores declared as soon as they had gained a batting point, an enterprising decision that bought them the wickets of Rollins and nightwatchman Dean before the close.

held up with James on brink

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LIVERPOOL (first day of four: Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 173 for one wicket against Lancashire

THIS was the alternative Glamorgan to the limp perform-ers rolled over for 31 by Middlesex last Saturday. The opposing attack also looked vastly different, with Lancashire lacking the injured Wasim Akram, the spearhead, and Michael Watkinson, their captain and premier spinner.

Glamorgan, determined to expunge the memories of that capitulation, and having won a remarkable sixth consecutive championship toss, appeared well on course until rain terminated proceedings at 2.50pm. Steve James, on 99 not out, made the most reluctant exit, after striking 17 boundaries from 150 balls.

It was doubly regrettable for lames, who had just hooked three fours and driven a legstump half-volley from lan Austin to the boundary in the same over. Austin, deputising for Akram, who has shoulder trouble, earlier dismissed Hugh Morris, caught low at the wicket down the leg side. after the openers put on 62.

James, abetted by Adrian Dale, then delved into his repertoire of strokes, hurrying to the brink of a third championship hundred this summer. and enhancing his burgeoning first-class average of al-

By then, Lancashire, deprived of Michael Atherton and John Crawley on England duty, as well as the injured Jason Gallian, were doubtless contemplating the forthcoming threat of Waqar Younis racing in to bowl from the lively Mersey end.

Peter Martin illustrated the merits of swing and occasional lift, and circumstances scarcely bode well today for Lancashire, who were ushered out for 88 by Somerset two match-

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Sussex DERBY (first day of tour, Sussex won toss): Derbyshire, with eight first-trinings wickens in hand, are 197 runs behind

SUSSEX: First Innings N J Lenham low b Dean . N R Taylor c Tweals b Aldred C W J Athey c Adams b DeFreitas K Newell c Krikken b Clarke ... M Newell c Clarke b DeFreitas Total (9 wkts dec. 103.5 overs) 200 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-59, 3-90, 4-92, 5-126, 6-136, 7-162, 8-187, 9-191

BOWLING DeFreitas 28-5-63-3. Hams 25-9-40-2, Aldred 15.5-9-10-1; Dean.25-11-49-2. Clarke 10-6-10-1 DERBYSHIRE: First Innings SPhollinscandb Drakes 0

Total (2 wkts, 3.4 overs) k J Barnett, C J Adams, J E Owen, V P Clarke, †K M Krikken, *P A J DeFreitas, P Aldred and A J Hams to bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-3

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Sussex 1 Umpires: A Clarkson and T E Jesty

Gloucestershire v Middlesex BRISTOL (first day of lour, Gloucester-Ashire won loss Gloucestershire, with eseven first-mings wickets in hand, are 180 runs behind Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings P N Weekes tow b Lews J H Kellis low b Smith ... 0

J H Kellis low b Smith ... 75

M W Gatting b Smith ... 6

J C Pooley c Russell b Smith ... 0

IK R Brown c Alleyne b Young ... 3

K 79 Total (76.5 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-27, 4-27, 5-47, 6-133, 7-157, 8-233, 9-237.

BOWLING: Smith 17.5-9-23-5; Lewis 16-0-72-1; Alleyne 16-7-37-2; Young 13-1-49-1; Hancock 9-2-30-0; Ball 5-1-14-0.

M A Lynch retired fruit S Young c Weekes b Fraser J Lewis not out Total (3 wkts, 25 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-39, 3-55. BOWLING: Fraser 10-3-18-2; Hewitt 6-1-19-0; Johnson 7-3-13-1; Bloomfield

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4 Middlesex 2 Umpires: R Jukan and P Willey.

Durham v Kent DARLINGTON (first day of four: Durham won toss): Durham have scored 215 for

seven wickets against Kent DURHAM: First Immings

*D C Boom c Llong b McCague
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*M P Speight c Strang b Headley
M J Foster c Wells b Fleming ...
M M Betts c and b Fleming ... M M Betts c Wells b Flemming ... 26
M M Betts c and b Flemming 6
J Boiling not out 24
Extras (b 4, lb 2) 6
Total (7 wkts, 100 overs) FALL OF WICKETS. 1-32.2-57, 3-57.4-

BOWLING: McCague 16-2-31-1; Head-ley 19-5-45-1; Fleming 19-4-47-2; Phil-lips 16-6-37-1; Strang 30-9-48-2.

KENT: O P Fulton, M J Walker, T R Ward, A P Wells, N J Llong, M V Reming, P A Strang, B J Phillips, *†S A Marsh, D W Headley, M J McCague Bonus points: Durham 1 Kent 3 Umpires: B Leadbeater and A G T Whitehead

Lancashire v Glamorgan LIVERPOOL fürst day of lour; Glamor-gan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 173 for one wickel against Lancashire

GLAMORGAN: First Innings Total (1 wkt, 50.2 overs) *M P Maynard, P A Cottey, G P Butcher, †A D Shew, Wagar Younis, S D Thomas, D A Cosker and S L Watkin to bat.

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BOMLING: Martin 14-3-32-0; Chapple 11.2-2-29-0; Austin 15-7-41-1; Keedy 5-1-26-0; Chilton 4-0-23-0, Yates 1-0-8-0

LANCASHIRE: N T Wood, S P Titchard, "N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, M Chilton, †W K Hegg, J D Austin, G Yates, G Chapple, P J Martin, G Keedy. Umpires: J H Hampshire and V A Holder.

Northamptonshire v Hampshire

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four, Northamptonshire won toss): Hamp-shire have scored 335 for four wickets against Northamptonishire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

Extras (b 8, fb 4, w 10, nb 8) 30 Total (4 wkts, 104 overs) S.M. Milburn, †A.N. Aymes, S.D. Udel, J.N. B. Bowill and S.J. Renshew to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-194, 3-273,

BOWLING: Taylor 23-6-60-3; Boswell 18-3-80-1; Hughes 16-3-54-0; Curran 16-7-49-0, Snape 21-5-44-0; Bailey 6-0-13-0; Walton 4-0-23-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: M B LOVE, P.J. Warren, "R J Beiley, K M Curran, T J Watton, D J G Sales, TD Ripley, J N Shape, J P Taylor, S A J Boswell, J G Hughes.

Bonus points Northamptonshire Umpires: B Dudieston and N T Plaws.

> Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of lour; Nottinghamshire won toss): Not-tinghamshire, with all list-unings wick-ers in hand, are 359 runs behind Yorkshire YORKSHIRE: First Innings

S Lehmann b Bowen Parker Ibw b Archer White c Pollard b Evans

BOWLING: Pick 18-3-53-0; Evans 24.3-2-91-6; Bowen 22-5-84-2; Astia 20-5-58-1; Dowman 3-0-15-0; Atzaal 6-0-31-0; Archer 7-0-24-1 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

Total (no wkt, 1 overs) _____5
P.R. Pollard, M.P. Dowman, N.J. Astle, "P.
Johnson, U. Atzaal, G.F. Archer, 1W M.
Noon, K. P. Evans and R. A. Pick to bal.

ROWLING: Silverwood 1-0-5-0. Bonus points Nottinghamshire 4 York-shire 4 Umpires: J W Holder and R Palmer.

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J Wells libw b Mushtag, ... Extras (1b 5, w 2, nb 12)

Total (3 wkts, 100 overs) G / MacMillan, †P A Neon, A R K Pierson, A D Mulally, J Ormand and D J Millins to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-133, 2-143, 3-

BOWLING: Shine 17 4-4-56-1; van Troost 9 2-1-69-0; Rose 17-3-55-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 15.3-6-32-1; Kerr 18-3-67-1; Parsons 14-4-35-0, Bowler 8 3-

SOMERSET: M. N. Lainwell, *P. D. Bowler, P.C.L.Hollowsy, R.J.Harden, K.A. Parsons, 1f. J. Turner, G.D. Rose, J.I.D. Karr, Mushlarq Ahmed, A.P. van Troost, K.J. Shrne

Bonus points: Somerset 1 Leicester-shire 3 Umpires. J C Balderstone and G!

Worcestershire v Surrey WORCESTER (first day of four Sum von toss) Surrey have scored 382 fo seven wickets against Worcestershire SURREY: First Innings

Total (7 wkts, 99.1 overs)

A J Tudor and Seclain Mushtac to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-105, 3-125, 4-304, 5-347, 6-353, 7-368. BOWLING: Sheriyer 20-1-97-3; Chap-man 14-5-54-1; Haynes 24-10-46-1; Lamptit 19-5-79-2; Leatherdale 19 1-4-74-0; Hick 3-0-20-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: WPC Weston, T S Curtis, G A Hick, K R Spiring, V S Solanki, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, "15 J Rhodes, S R Lampit, A Sheriyar R J Chaoman. Bonus points: Worcestershire 3 Surrey

Umpires: J D Bond and R A White. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

MiNOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHP (final day of two): New Brighton: Chashire 268-8 and 177-6 (R G riigneti 51); Comwall 135 and 308 (A C H Seymour 68, K J Wilhoock 68; C Lamb 455). Cheshire beat Comwall by four wickets Netherfield: Lincohistrice 223-8 and 217 (P A Rawden 105); Cumberland 204-6 and 237-2 (S J O'Shauginnessy 104 mot out, A D Mewson 92 not out, Cumberland beat Lincohistrice by eight wickets, St Albens (list day of two); Northumberland 179-7 (P J Nicholson 80 not out; S S)wester (P J Nicholson 80 not out; S A Sylvester 4-34); Hartfordshire 199-5 (S March

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of four: Coggeshalt, Middleser 249 (R P Lane 62). Essex 42-1. First day of times: Swanses: Glamorgan 170-7 (I Thomas 43, J Derrick 33 not out, K T Sheeraz 4-60) v Gloucestershire. Teurnon: Durham 363-9 dac (D G C Ligertwood 134 not out, D Blandfron 50); Somerset 43-1. Cantarbury: Derbyshire 201 (M J Vendrau 56 not out); Kent 47-1. Hinckley: Leicestershire 214 (Mason 57 not out, Stevens 50); Surrey 92-1. Horsham: Warwickshire 230 (W G Khan 77, M D Edmond 55, M R Strong 4-38); Sussex 55-1. Middlesbrought: Yorkshire 235 (Z C Morris 57, A Wyle 4-29); Worcestershire 47-2. Middlesbro. Northamptonshire 335-6 (A L Penberthy 69, R R Montgomerie 86, K J Innes 72 not out A J Swann 51) v Lancashire.

AON RISK TROPHY: Wigen: Derby-shire 128 (C P Schofield 5-20); Lan-cashire 129-4. Lancashire best Derbyshire by six wickets

ATHLETICS

James was comprehensively

bowled by Taylor at 16 for one,

began to turn, allowing Hay-

HELSINIC: IAAF Grand Prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 10.05sec; 2.T Mortgomery (US) 10.09, 3.B Lewis (US) 10.27, 15.00m: 1, J Micowen (Kary 3mir 33.27sec; 2, T Balazs (Hun) 3.37.78, 3, R Andersen (Den) 3.37.79 Shot: 1, M Halvan (Fri) 20.56m; 2, K Toth (US) 19.95; 3, Y Belonog (Ukr) 19.45 Women: 100m: 1, N Veronova (Fluss) 11 45sec; 2, M Geinstord (Aus) 11 53; 3, M Sergent (US) 11 62, 200m; 1, Gainstord 22 7; 2, C Freerian (Aus) 22 80; 3, Y Leschove (Puss) 11 62, 200m; 1, Garrstord 22 75; 2, C Freeman (Aus) 22 80, 3, Y Leschrova (Russ) 23 21 5,000m; 1, A Weyemann (Switz) 15min 18 51 sec; 2, A Worku (Eth) 15 22 17; 3, K Anderson (Aus) 15 26 40 400m hurdles: 1, A Knorcz (Russ) 55 41 sec; 2, Susen Smith (rei) 65 79; 3, T Esokiw (Est) 55 96. Long jump: 1, R Nielsen (Deni 6 65 m; 2, T Vaszr (Hun) 6,62; 3, E Johensson (Swe) 6 633, Jaseffin 1, T Hattlestad (Nonvay) 69,66 m; 2, H Rantanen (Fin) 63 44, 3, M Ingberg (Fin) 61.36

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SQUASH CAIRO: International tournament finals: Man: P Nicol (Scot) bt Jansher Khan (Pal.) 12-15, 15-14, 15-12, 15-11, Women: S Fiz-Gerald (Aus) bt M Martin (Aus.) 9-3, 9-3, 9-5

NOTTINGHAM: Nottingham Open (GB unless stated); First round: M Göliner (Ger) bt C Wildinson 7-6, 6-4; S Stolle (Aus) bt A Boetsch (Fri 8-3, 7-6; K kluczer (Stovakia) bt T M Lee 8-1, 6-1, B Black (Zim) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 8-2, 2-6, 6-2; G Statford

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SPEEDWAY: Eithe League: Ipswich Swindon (7.30).

(SA) bt D Nestor (Can) 6-1, 7-5, M Woodforde (Aus) of J Stark (US) 6-3, 7-6, J Courier (US) bt J van Herck (Bel) 6-3, 3-6, S-3-6, Rusedid bt G Kuerten (Br) 6-1, 7-5, A O Brien (US) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-4, 6-3 Second found: Aucera bt Black, 7-5, 6-3, S Draper (Aus) br A Vomes (Rom) 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; J Stottenberg (Aus) bt Courier 4-6, 6-3, 6-2

FOR THE RECORD

EASTBOURNE: Direct Line Insurance international women's tournament: First round: Y Besulu (Indo) bt E Likhoviseva (Russ) 6-3, 6-0; V Williams (US) bt C Rubri (US) 6-4, 6-4; 1 Spitlea (Rom) bt 1 Gornochaegui (Arg) 5-0, 3-8, 6-4, K Guse (Aus) bt 5 Wang, (Tawan) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; N Zvereva (Belat bt A Frazer (US) 7-6, 6-0; k Po (US) bt K Studentikova (Shovakua) 6-6, 7-6, 6-2, A Sugnyama (Japan) bt S Siddall 6-2, 5-7, 8-6; N Tauczar (Fr) bt M J Fermandez (US) 7-6, 7-5 Second round: A Sánchez Vicano (Sp) bt Guse 7-5, 6-0, J Novoma (Cz) bt Basulu 7-5, 6-1, 8 Schutz-McCarthy (Holl) bt S Fanna (It) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, Zvereva bt I Majoli (Cro) 6-2, 7-5

Novotna (C2) bt Basulu 7-5, 6-4; B Schutz-McCarthy (Hoti) bt S Fanna (It) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, Zversva bx I Majoli (Cx) 5-2, 7-5
ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament (GB unless stated; Ment First round: A Hunt (NZ) bt A Lopez-Moron (Sp) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; D Namhun (SA) bt F Bergh (Swe) 6-4, 1-6, 1-1; W McGurre (US) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (Rom) bt D Nargso (It) 5-1, ret; I Moldovan (It) bt C Maint (US) 6-3, 6-4. J Mary (It) 15-1, ret; I Moldovan (It) 15-1, ret; I Mol

7-5, 7-6; Latimer bl K Pace (US) 6-0, 7-5
N Vaulyanathan (Indus) bl K Warne-Holland
3-6, 6-1, 6-4; S Pitschke (Aus) br M
Shaughnessy (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, H Inoue
(Japan) bl L Porun (US) 3-6, 6-3, H Inoue
(Japan) bl L Horn (SA) 7-5, 7-5, S
Tataja (Cro) br M Gardano (Ang) 7-5, 3-6
6-3; N Myagr (Japan) bl E Jetts 6-1, 6-2, M
Drake (Can) bt T Kroan (Slovenia) 7-6, 6-2, N
Feber (Bel) bt M de Swardt (SA) 6-0, 7-5; K
Cross br F Zuluaga (Col) 6-2, 7-5; A
Gavaldon (Mex) bl O Lugring (Uh) 1-0, let S
Noorlander (Hol) br S Drake-Brockman
(Aus) 6-2, 7-5; A Mauresmo (Fri bt A Tordoff
6-2, 6-3, T Snyder (US) bl S Patr (S Kor) 67, 6-4, 7-5; N Press (Aus) br B Fulco-Vitella
(Arg) 6-2, 6-3; V Csurgo (Hur) bl A
Warmeright 6-4, 7-6, M Vento (Von) bt S
Jeyassetan (Can) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, A Kremer
(Lus) bt E Broukinovers (Uk), 7-5, 7-5; N

Feber to Y Hosolo (Japan) 6-4, 8-2. ROSMALEN, Holland: Open tournament: Men: First round: A Raddlescu, (Ger) tot. C Poline Fr) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, D Vacek (Cz) bit R Reneberg (US) 7-5, 1-0, ret. J Boent-man (Swe) bit J Krostek (Stovake) 5-7, 7-5, 6-1; H Acaz (Mor) of V Spandez (US) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, F Wiber (Holl) bit E Alvanez (Spi 3-5, 6-3, 6-4, M Chang (US) tot F Sentoro (Fr) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, L Paes (India) bit N Kuft (Swe) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, R Vialicek (Holl) tot P Hearthus (Holl) 7-5, 7-6, K Alarm (Mor) bit T Muster (Austria) 6-4, 6-2, M Dermin (Cz) bit M Rosset (Switz) 6-1, 7-6, G Reput (Fr) bit V Volichkov (Russ) 7-5, 6-3

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 47 BITTERLING

(c) A small, carp-like freshwater fish, Rhodeus amarus, of Central Europe. Its "bitter" is a translation of the Latin amarus.

(b) The popular name for the green arum or spoon lily, Alocasia macrorrhiza. An attempt to spell the native Australian name. FLETCHERISM

(a) The practice of thorough mastication, advocated by old-fashioned nannies who made their charges chewevery mouthful 30 times. A health superstition invented by Horace Fletcher (1849-1919), an American author and alternative health quack. FOX-MARKED

(c) A brown spot or stain on a print or book, caused by damp affecting the impurities in the paper. Hence the entry in anitquarian booksellers' catalogues "slightly foxed", which tends to mean "beavily stained". SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Running story as old as the hills

nyone who travelled the narrow mid-Wales mountain road between Builth Wells and Brecon at the weekend might have been baffled by a strange and colourful sporting scene.

Sleeper vans and roofracked cars perched perilously on every verge and men and women dressed for sporting action urged on competitors flogging their way endlessly uphill. It might have been a stage from the Tour de France after someone had stolen all the bikes. But these were runners - and this was a longdistance relay.

Such an event is far more than a foot race, it is a combined camp-out and endurance orgy. This was the Welsh Castles Relay, a two-day race of around 210 miles from Caernarvon to Cardiff, swooping up and down hillsides and valleys and taking in the pride of Welsh castles.

Races such as this are as old as the sport of running. In Ancient Greece there was a form of relay race called the "Lampadedromia", which translates as "running with a lighted torch." These spectacles were staged dramatically after dark, between teams that were either on foot or mounted on horseback.

passed from hand to hand and the penalty for a dropped baton" could include a whipping or worse, rather than simple disqualification.

Accounts of these torch re-lays were behind the introduction of a run carrying the Olympic flame from the site of the ancient games in Olympia to the venue of the modern Games. Such ritual may seem to reek of antiquity, but the traditional Olympic torch relay was dreamt up more recently, as a propaganda exercise for the Nazi Olympics of Berlin in 1936.

Relay running in its present form, with batons rather than flaming torches, emerged in the United States towards the end of the nineteenth century. with a two-mile relay being staged in 1883 at Berkeley, California — four half-mile legs covered in 9min 51sec.

The first such event in Britain was organised in 1895 by the Ranelagh Harriers. who still operate out of a pub near the Thames in Surrey. This was styled a "Flying Squadron Race" and was held at Stamford Bridge, in west

Such races were immensely popular with competitors and spectators and the Olympics



jumped on the relay bandwagon in 1908, when a men's relay appeared on the programme for the first time. The women had to wait until the Games of 1928 in Amsterdam before they got theirs. Nowadays, the last afternoon of the Olympics normally includes a number of relay races that rank among the highlights of the meeting.

Forty years ago, relay racing strode firmly out of the athletic stadium when something of a craze for bizarre. long-distance relay running was started by a bunch of Oxford students who set off on a "pebble relay" from Land's End to John o'Groat's. The idea was simple enough: they picked up a pebble at Land's End and passed it from hand to hand like a baton as they ran from one end of the country to the other.

The achievement soon attracted challengers, and teams of ten runners from as far

apart as Exeter and Aberdeen took turns at lowering the record. They would travel, eat Mountains". The backdrop of the Welsh and sleep in battered buses, frequently losing their way

sponsored by PowerGen, fiercely contested over the Bridgend AC, is the grandchild of such casually organised adventures. But this race takes no chances with haphazard routes and timetables. With 20 stages over two days and with almost 1,000 runners in 45 teams taking part, precision has to rule.

and the odd runner en route.

The Weish Castles Relay,

The Castles race has been going since 1982, and, in its infancy, the standard relay format was used with each runner handing over to the next at a change-over point. The runners ran nonstop through the night, over Welsh mountains and the Brecon Beacons. The race now takes place in

stages, each of about ten miles and each with its own massed start. This gives it the air of a multistage cycle race, an impression reinforced by a second contest within the main race. Six of the toughest and steepest legs carry a special team award for the "Kings

landscape, and a clutch of picture-book castles, would be enough to give this race a unique flavour. However, the real reward is that relay racing gives the competitors a taste of shared adventure like no other form of running.

days it is easy to become anonymous, just another bobbing head in the crowd at mass-partilipation events such as the Flora London Marathon. It is easy to hide. If you have a bad run, that is your own problem. Even if you drop out not many will notice. In a relay, however, it is very different. You run with the hopes and fears of your team pinned firmly to your vest.

team's success. You pursue a common goal and share an achievement that outruns the scope of individual ambition. To do this across country that is colourful and challenging is an inspiring bonus. The challenges do not come any more colourful or enjoyable than the 200 miles of the Welsh Castles country.

Your failure is their failure,

your success a part of the

JOHN BRYANT

BBC1, 8.30pm (not Scotland)

Three more stories from Heathrow will provide wry enjoyment for anybody who has suffered from the delays and frostrations of air travel. It is nobody's fault that fog descends, causing the incoming Air Jamaica flight to be diverted to Prestwick. The trouble is that it is the airline's only flight and 168 passengers have turned up to take the same plane back to the Caribbean. Merla, Air Jamaica's station manager, has to sort it out. Meanwhile there is more trouble for poor Jeremy, the Aeroflot supervisor we met last week. The Moscow Symphony Orchestra is flying home for a In most big road races these Moscow Symphony Orchestra is flying home for a concert and the entire string section has gone missing. And while Michelle, another familiar face from episode one, tries for a promotion to duty officer, she auditions for the job by dealing with an irate traveller and a nasty mess on the floor.

ITV, 8.30pm

Some may feel that these tales built around Simon Shepherd's immunologist. Dr Sam Bliss, work better when they forget about dabbling in pseudoscience and stick to being thrillers. At any rate, both strands are well represented tonight when Dr Bliss's daughter Zoe (Sarah Smart) sees a woman at the part of the property o on a train who has been murdered. Oddly, the police can find neither body nor blood. But a couple of days later a woman is found dead exactly as Zoe described. A parapsychologist (Kate Buffery) is pulled in to air her theories and to carry out tests on Zoe's brain. More compellingly a serial rapist and killer is at large, and Zoe has a premonition that he will strike again. Believe the story or not, you have to concede that it builds into a surring climax as the killer is brought out into the open.

Banged Up: Barred Love Channel 4, 9pm

The cameras go inside Brixton and Wandsworth prisons to discover how male inmates keep relationships going when their women are on the outside. Or simply manage without women at all. The jocular answer comes from Jimmy, serving 12 years for attempted murder. His recipe is pin-ups of Cindy Crawford and a good imagination.



Rhys Jones, Mel Smith (BBCI, 10pm)

Michael admits that he gets paranoid about his girlfriend going out with another man but is confident that his ladykilling charm will keep her in line. Although Richard is six years into a nine-year stretch for armed robbery, he has not only managed to maintain the relationship with his partner, Lisa, but fathered two children with her since he has been inside. With sex banned in prison this may sound impossible, but all is revealed. this may sound impossible, but all is revealed. Riete Oord's film is one of a season of programmes about life in British prisons.

Smith and Jones BBC1:10pm

The Heritage Quiz. Radio 4. 12.25pm (FM only)

Met Smith and Griff Rhys Jones, the Hardy and Laurel (at least physically) of British comedy: are back after a gap of two years. Somehow it seems longer, if only because their humour seems a generation away from that of younger comedians such as Phil Kay or Harry Hill or even The Fast. Show team who similarly rely on a fast-moving assembly of sketches. But if Smith and Jones are a throwback to an earlier era, their comedy is no less throwback to an earlier era, their comedy is no less valid or welcome. Several new regular characters are promised for the series, which also sees a return of the pair's most celebrated item, the headto head. The exact contents of tonight's programme were not settled at time of writing, but it will be surprising if the line-up does not include spools of Riverdance and of Food and Drink's over-the-top, wine experts, Jilly and Oz.

Peter Waymark

I dislike quiz formats in general but there are exceptions, and this is one. The Heritage Quiz

returns for a new series, the first transmission missed by long-wave listeners who will instead have the joys of Test Match Special. Don't write to

me. The quiz is again chaired by Sue MacGregor, who is possessed of radio's finest female voice. She

is a good reason for tuning in, but not the only one.

The strength of the programme is that its questions are not confined to crumbling buildings and artefacts. I note with alarm that today school meals

are included; once something gets on to this programme you can be sure it is about to pass into

history. The team captains are Philippa Gregory and Christopher Cook. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.30 Mendian Books 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Thought-9.15 Turinary a Tune 9.30 Hot New Country 10.05-Business 10.15 Dying Notes 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Directivery 12.30pm Born a Gkt 12.45 F.O O.C. 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sport 9.00 Newshour 3.05 Outtook 3.30 News in German 5.00 Europe 5.30-Business 5.45 Britain 6.05 Business 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Outtook 2.45 Pause for

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TENNIS: FRENCH OPEN CHAMPION AND STAR ATTRACTION MAKE EARLY EXITS AT EASTBOURNE

Majoli upset at losing centre stage

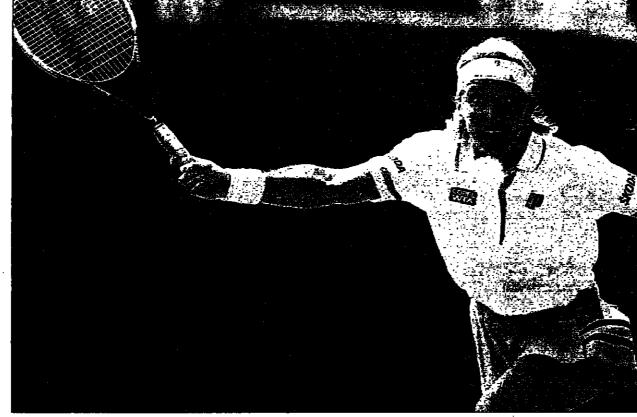
A STRAW poll would most readily associate the phrase "respect for the sisterhood" with Venus Williams, the black teenager from Califor-nia. Perhaps Williams has been accorded a little too much respect in the Direct Line championships at Eastbourne.

While she graced the Centre Court, Iva Majoli, the French Open champion, seeded No 3, was humiliated 6-2, 7-5 by

Pat Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion, scraped through the second round of qualifying for this year's tournament with a 4-6, 6-2, 11-9 victory over Steve Campbell, of the United States, after being 3-5 down in the final set.

Natasha Zvereva in their second-round match on the relative wasteland of No 2 Court. Majoli did not like it one bit over in the ensuing press

conference. "Let me ask you a question." she said. "Who won the French Open?" At the mention of her name, Majoli. 19, sug-"Maybe someone should tell that to the referee and the tournament organisers so that they might have a bit more respect for me. I expected they would put me



Novotna is a study in concentration as she keeps her eye on the ball during the victory over Basuki yesterday

on Centre Court. Even if my dog had won the French Open he would have deserved to play on the Centre Court." Majoli's frustration was un-

derstandable given her fine performance in Paris. How-

"If I tried to put her match on an outside court I'd be guilty of

reeled off 12 of the last 15 points to win 6-3, 5-7, 6-4. If unconventional in style,

AMY ALCOTT spent nearly

two months contemplating

her patella at the turn of the

year but yesterday, in the first

round of the Evian Masters,

the former women's US Open

champion produced a perfor-

mance that was reminiscent of

who had a run of five consecu-

tive birdies from the 5th, also

birdied the last to share the

lead with Joanne Morley,

from Cheshire, on 67, five

under par. Both were one stroke ahead of Alison Nicho-

las, who chipped in from 12

yards for an eagle three at the 18th. Annika Sorenstam, the

world No I, and Laura Da-

vies, the defending champion,

scored 74 after struggling on

Morley, now a regular on

the US tour, spent a couple of

weeks at home watching her mother on the bowling green.

before competing in the Swiss

Open at Lausanne last week.

She finished eighth, and then

crossed the lake to Evian.

The 41-year-old American.

her heyday.

the greens.

armoury of a grass-court specialist. Her serve and groundstrokes carry weight and she is one of the few on the Tour with a telling drive volley. However, in this her first tournament on grass, she was undermined by her own greenness and her opponent's

experience.
Williams felt she had not been aggressive enough, although a high proportion of her losing points stemmed directly from her uncompromised hitting. Despite this defeat she has the scope to do well at Wimbledon. She is exciting to watch, even if, at 6ft 2in, she digs out half-volleys with the ease of a young

Tauziat, of France, the winner here two years ago, relied principally on length, making occasional but telling sorties to

where a sparkling finish of birdie, birdie, eagle matched

the setting. At the 465-yard 18th, she hit a driver and a

Alcott has been on the verge

of the Hall of Fame since 1991,

when she won the Nabisco

Dinah Shore for the third

time. It was her 29th title and

she needs one more to join the

On December 13 last year,

Alcott hit the ground outside

an office building in down-

town Los Angeles and cracked

her left kneecap. She spent

seven and a half weeks with

the knee immobilised and is

just delighted to be playing golf again, let alone scoring

well.

[] Ian Woosnam, the winner

last year, and Bernhard Lang-

er, who has won the event five

times, head a strong field for

the Volvo German Open.

which starts at Schloss

Nippenberg ETC. near Stutt-

gart, today.

five-wood to 18 feet.

Williams has much of the the net. She was annoyed by the umpire's warning at the start of the ninth game in the deciding set - even if she admitted that the censure had helped her.

"When Mrs Hingis sits

beside the court and talks to her daughter [Martina], nobody gives her a warning or anything," she said. Of her angry gesture towards the umpire's chair at the the end of the game in question, she said: "I did it because I was in a rage." On this evidence, perhaps Tauziat should get angry more often.

Monica Seles and Jana Novotna, seeded one and two respectively, went through to the quarter-finals with bloodless victories. Seles beat Naoko Sawamatsu, of Japan, 6-2, 7-5; Novotna, of the Czech Republic, beat Yayuk Basuki.

BOXING

RADIO CHOICE

Relatively Speaking Radio 4, 9.30am

When Emma Norman began reviewing videos for Radio Times, one wondered if there could be a connection between this Norman and the one called Barry who occupied an adjacent page. Yes, Emma is the daughter of Barry, but offspring are as entitled to follow their parents into journalism as they are to follow them down a coalmine (two trades that are not as disconnected as might be thought). Relatively Speaking has been a most interesting, and at times moving, series and the Normans are frank about their relationship. Emma feels she shamed her father by falling pregnant, aged 29, without a partner: she had twins. one of whom died. If the pregnancy had caused strain, the death brought the Normans together.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radclitte 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Nevisibeal 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Kermode 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs with Mark Kermode 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00em Carl Cox 4.00em Dave Pearce

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9,30 Ken Bruce 11.30 6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Sarsh Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Chris Serle 7.00 David Allan's Country Club 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 Ronald Isley — The Celebrity Soul Show 9.30 The What If Show with Ken Bruce, Sally Grace, Robert Harley, Philip Pópe and John Marsh 10.00 Shelley. With Stephen Tomplonson and Graa McKee (5/6) 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05em Sleve Madden 3.00 Charles Nove Includes Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5,00am Morring Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Julian Worricker Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 On the Line 8.00 David Gower's Cricket Weekly 9.00 Inside Edge 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanna 2.00mm Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Wari 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

4.00am Mark Gniliths 6.00 Alan Marin 9.00 Henry Kelly Sonata: Telemann (Oboe Sonata in G minor, from Talelmusik III) 8.00 Evening Concert. Pergolesi (Overture, L'Olympiade). Stravinsky (Putanella); Ame (Organ Concerto No 2 in G major); Purcet (Come Ye Sons of Art Away); J.S Bach (Molin Concerto in E) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30em Russ in Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Flichard Porter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor Includes Bech (Cello Suite No 4 in E liat); Sibelius (Violin Concerto); Fauré (Cartique de Jean Racine); Grieg (Peer Gynt: Suite No 1); Vivaldi (Concerto in G lor Two Mandolins, RV532); Nielsen (Symphony No 2, The Four Tempetaments)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Mozart (Fantassa in D minor); Schubert (Intermezzo; Romance: Ballet: Rosamunde); Mozart (Rondo in D); Kodaly (Psaimus Hungancus)

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10.00 Musical Encounters, with Andrew Lyle, Includes
Vivaldi (Concerto In G minor), Mozart (Miserai
Dove Son . Ahl No Lo); Mahler (Des Knaben Wunderhorn)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Paul Patterson
1.00pm Vintage Verdi. Pierkingi Petrobelli, director of
Italy's National Institute of Verdi Studies, plays a
selection from the institute's collection of Verdi or
disc and talks to Piers Burton-Page about the

performances
2.00 To Johannes Brahms. Featuring music by
Brahms and works dedicated to him by his triends
and admirers. Dvorak (String Quartet No 9 in D
minor. Op 34); Brahms (String Quartet No 2 in a

minor. Op 34); Brahms (String Quartet No 2 in a minor. Op 51 No 2)

3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins. Haydn (Symphony No 55 in E flat. Schookmaster); Arnold (Symphony No 5)

4.15 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by Nicholas Daniel, oboe, and Julius Drake, plano includes Reizenstein (Sonatina). Elgar (Solifoquy for Solo Oboe); York Bowen (Sonata)

5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson explores the traditions of gypsy music in Spain

5.15 In Tune. Presented by Nicola Heywood Thomas from outside St David's Hall, home of this year's Cardiff Singer of the World competition. Includes interviews with some of the Judges and five music from Beneat Brass.

interviews with some of the judges and live music from Regent Brass
7.30 BBC Philtharmonic. A concert given at York.
University last year. Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave), conductor Lionel Friend, Donny Ray Albert, baritone. Tchalkovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor), conductor Edward Downes.

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9.05 Gardens in the Ashes, in the fourth of five programmes about writing in the former Yugoslavia, Celia Hawkesworth introduces readings from the Creatian author Dubravka Ugresic. Read by Sonia Ritter

9.25 Haydin and Bartok. Ciga Dudnik, piano. Includes Haydin (Piano Sonialas, in A flat, H XVI 43; in D, H XVI 42); Bartok (Studies) (r)

10.00 Music Restored. The Orlando Consort performs a selection of sacred music by Flemish composer Pierre de la Rue, including sections from his Missa Ave Sanctissma and Missa Sancta Anna.

10.45 Night Waves. Patrick Wright discusses the creativity of Harlem in the 1920s as a new exhibition. Rapsodes in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance, opens at the Hayward Gallery in London.

London

11.30 Composer of the Week: Ravel (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces the final part of a concert given last May at the Purcell Rooms in London, by the Michael Ganick Jazz Orchestra and the vocalist Jacqui Dankworth

1.00 Through the Night, with Donaid Macleod Includes 1.00 Carditt Singer of the World 3.00 Choral Evensong (r)

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Warte and

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9.30 Relatively Speaking. See Choice

10.00 News; Travels with My Aunt (FM), by Graham Greene. Starring Dame Hilda Bracket (5/5)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman' Hour, with Jenn Murray

10.50-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW). England v Australia Coverage of the moming session of the first day's play in the second Test at Lord's

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM). News from BBC reporters around the world

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM). Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whilitaker

1.25pm The Heritage Cutz (FM). See Choice

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.15-8,00 Test Match Special (LW). Continued coverage from Lord's

1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thuraday Aftermoon Play:
Raskolnikov's Atte (FM), by Christopher Fitz-Simon. The story of a man who joins an ameteur production of Corne and Purishment, and finds himself identifying with the loading role a little too much. With Bif Golding

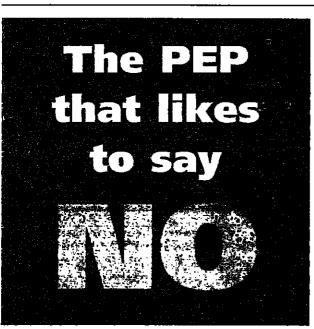
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM), with Daire Brehan and guests

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM). Paul Allen reviews Tony Kushner's adaptation of Cornelle's The Russon at the Royal Exchange in Marchaster

4.45 Short Story: The Trouble with Wagner (FMI), by Patricia Hannah, Read by Vivienne Dixon

5.00 PM (FM), with Jon Sopal and Nigel Wrench 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Taking it Up the Octave. The second of a five-parl drama by Fintan Coyle and Tom Miles Opera Sunderland's Carmen is coming along but blackmell, nodules on the fivoat and bargan-basement cattle leave the cast rather proccupied 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Litestory. The first of sox radio biographies in which the private life of a public face is revealed Nsc. Balter tells, the story of the celebrated television cook Fanny Cradock
8.00 Analysis. In the first of two programmes about the single currency, Nigaire Woods examines the political arguments for monetary union.
8.45 Another String. Roy Bailey reflects on his two careers, as a professor of sociology and as a radical lolk singer (4/6) 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustin
10.45 Book at Beettimer The Sandy Bottom.
Orchestra, by Carrison Keifor and Jenny Lind Nilsson. Read by Barbara Barnes (9/10).
11.00 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's news from Westminster
11.00 Fun-Filled Days of Harriet Knight (FM). The third of a tour-part comedy sense by Carol Noble. With Enrine Chambers and Jane Whittenshaw
11.30 Offspring. The last of the present series about lamily life. With John Peel (f)
12.00 News and 12.30am The Late Book The Information. William Nighy reads the riovel by Martin Arnis (14/15) (f)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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ever, respect is earned, not demanded and Majoli, from

Croatia, cannot command the attention surrounding Williams's every appearance. George Hendon, the tournament director, was suitably armed to defend the decision. The public were fascinated by Venus Williams," he said.

getting 5,000 on the gate and accommodation for only five or six hundred on Court Two." Majoli cannot have been mentally prepared for the match and she suffered accordingly. Williams, by contrast, seemed to have the upper hand against Nathalie Tauziat until the latter, stung by a warning for receiving instructions from her coach,

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Alcott refuses to bend

the knee to her rivals

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN EVIAN, FRANCE

giraffe straining for pasture.

of Indonesia, 7-5, 6-4.

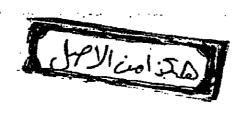
Henry in critical condition

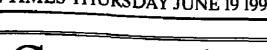
CHRIS HENRY, the Tottenham cruiserweight who was taken to Old Church Hospital, Romford, after being seriously injured during a bout in Cheshunt on 'fuesday night, was in a "critical but stable condition" yesterday evening. a hospital spokeswoman said

(Srikumar Sen writes). Henry was taken to the hospital in the ambulance which attended the promotion within 20 minutes of his collapse in the tenth round of the Southern Area championship contest with Dominic Negus. He later underwent brain surgery to remove a

blood clot.` The rest of the bill was called off by Frank Maloney. the promoter, as soon as the seriousness of Henry's condition was realised.

An inquiry by the Southern Area Council of the British Boxing Board of Control, attended by Maloney and Henry's manager. Jess Harding, will be held early next Evian scores, page 49 | month.





Something nasty behind the cuckoo clock

Europe. Both are smallish. hilly countries with few natural resources, but still somehow hugely rich and powerful. They share an insular mentality that cracks open to permit international commerce. Both the Swiss and the Japanese willingly swap civil freedoms for an orderly, keenly policed, low-crime society. They are so much part of the Western community that we feel we know them as well as we do Americans, or the French. But when we see the Swiss stacking their regulationlength logs, or grassing on neighbours for hanging their laundry out on the wrong day; or when we wonder how a nation as courteous as the Japanese could have committed the Nanking massacre, we realise we have little clue how either of these peoples thinks.

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Anyone who wanted to maintain their image of the Swiss as peaceloving neutrals might have done

best to avoid Nazi Gold (BBC1). This Inside Story Special told how the Swiss not only acted as Hitler's bankers - eagerly taking in Nazi gold, some of it levered with pliers from the mouths of inmates of the concentration camps; not only prolonged the war by financing the Nazi war machine and selling it arms; not only allowed Hitler's death trains to pass through "neutral" Switzerland; not only deported Jewish refugees back to Germany and refused others entry at the border; but also told how the Swiss later denied the descendants of Holocaust victims money that their parents had deposited in the "safe haven" of Switzerland.

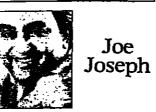
When, after the war, the orphans of Jews murdered in Auschwitz and Treblinka came to collect money their parents had squir-relled away in Swiss banks in the 1930s (when they still had hopes of escaping Germany and building a new life elsewhere), the Swiss

authorities could find no records of any such bank accounts. Yes, the Swiss - who probably still keep cantonal archives of parking tick ets issued 60 years ago - could dig up no documents to indicate such accounts had ever existed.

o people who had lost their families to Hitler's mad-ness, the pain must have been due less to the loss of their cash than to the icy realisation that human nature was about to disappoint them all over again. And what was it that made the Swiss finally remember that, yes, maybe they did have a few dormant accounts? The news that the head of Washington's Senate Banking Committee was spitting when he unearthed the breadth of Switzerland's shamelessness. When Swiss banks feared that their branches in Wall Street would be closed, they

came clean(ish). The terrain was similar to that





covered recently by Tom Bower in his chilling book Blood Money: The Swiss, the Nazis and the Looted Billions. But Bower's name did not appear in the credits, so presumably he was not involved. The producer and director Christopher Olgiati — a stylish film-maker who previously made Say Goodbye to the President, about Marilyn Monroe's last days maintained the pace of a shock-a-

minute thriller without ever forgetting that he like Bower, was relating one of the last untold scandals of the Holocaust.

Israel Singer, the secretary of the World Jewish Congress, said that if the Swiss had not been diligently servicing the Nazis' financial needs by accepting their gold and auctioning off looted paintings, while at the same time selling Germany armaments, "the war would have been considerably shorter, the number of deaths would have been considerably smaller: not just Jewish deaths -American and British soldiers would have died in smaller numbers. There's just no question about it." Even Hitler's henchmen agreed. The head of the Nazi state bank admitted that they could not have survived for longer than two months without Switzerland, "particularly not the conversion of gold into hard currency".

It was a story that left you so

gasping for breath that even the roof of the world seemed airy by comparison. In Hillary And Tenzing. BBC2's Reputations team had fewer curtains to peek behind than the lives of Bertrand Russell and Dr Spock had recently afforded them.

The story of the 1953 ascent of Everest by the New Zealand beekeener and the Nenalese Sherpa is well documented, as is the subsequent frenzied media speculation and sniping about which of them reached the summit first. But there has not been frenzy for years, since Tenzing admitted long ago that Hillary got there one step ahead of him, but also that, in the roped-together world of mountain-climbing, that was irrelevant.
But it was beautiful to watch, and reminded you how reaching the top is sometimes not as tricky as coping with being back at the

bottom. Which leads us directly to

Roseanne (Channel 4), who, like an eagerly welcomed guest who has lingered a limle too long, should have picked up her coat and said adios long before this 22lst and final episode. This onehour special, in which the Conner family learnt that Darlene and David's new baby, Harris Conner Healy, was finally strong enough to come home, drew together the strings of the past nine years and got them in a terrible tangle. Roseanne's marriarchal mono-

logues were gloopy: "To have the family all here together and everybody being healthy, that's more important than winning the lottery 100 times," she said. "I learnt that dreams don't work without action. I learnt that nobody could stop me other than me. I learnt that love is stronger than hate. And, most important. I learnt that God does exist. He and/or she is right inside you." God bless you. Roseanne,

BBC1

6,00am Business Breakfast (51797) 7,00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (56155) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (5562364) 9.20 Cheggers' Challenge Chegwin's makeover team transform a garage into a

pleyroom (3481548) 9,45 Kliroy (T) (9935635) (c) (91155)

11.00 News (T); Regional News and weather (2923797) 11,05 The Great Escape Sydney (7917890) 11.35 Royal Ascot A preview of Ladies' Day, including a look at the runners in the Gold

Cup (4313074) 12.00 News (T); Regional News and weather

12.05pm Call My Bluff (5692426) 12,35 Neighbours (r) (T) (4456242) 1.00 News (T) and weather (59242) 1.30 Regional News (15510513)

1.40 The Weather Show (36888432) 1.45 Royal Ascot Coverage of the 2.30 Ribblesdale Stakes, 3.05 Norfolk Stakes and 3.45 Ascot Gold Cup (41186906)

4.00 Popeye (9884695) **4.10** Plasmo (6143529) **4.15** The New Yogi Bear Show (6062600) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (r) (T) (5236242) **4.35** Return to Jupiter (T) (6814722) **5.00 Westminster Special** (2297819)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (333109) 6.00 News (T) and weather (432) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (884) 7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck Alice Beer and the team put more medical matters under

the microscope (T) (7258) 7.30 EastEnders Grant and Tritany try to make the best of their domestic arrangements (T) (628) 8.00 Crime Beat Martyn Lewis presents

tootage from hidden cameras (T) (6906) Airport Continuing the second documentary series filmed at Heathrow airport (T) (2513)

9.00 News (T) and weather (7093) 9.30 The Jasper Carrott Trial Highlights from the Brummie comedian's stand-up routines (T) (22513)

10.00 Smith and Jones New series of comedy from Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones (89364)

10.30 Noel's Le Mans Dream Team Noel Edmonds's team face the ultimate challenge as race day dawns at Le Mans. Putting pre-qualifying niggles with the speciacular Panoz car firmly behind them, Jeremy Clarkson, Gary Rhodes, Mark Porter and Derek Bell gear up for 24 hours of action (496971)

10.55 Question Time David Dimbleby chairs the tooical discussion as Martin Bell, MP, and the historian Linda Colley join the panel in London for the last of the series

11.55 Royal Ascot Highlights from Ladies' Day featuring the Gold Cup (199277) 12.20am La Mans (1971) Steve McQueen stars

In this racetrack drama. With Siegfried Rauch and Elga Andersen. Directed by Lee H. Katzin (378838)

2.05 Weather (2894933)

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6.00am Open University: The Restless Pump (3150074) 6.25 Breaths of Life (3179109) 6.50 Mammals in Water

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (1889819) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles

(6624513) 7.55 Blue Peter (2989074) 8.20 Charlie Chalk (6617221) 8.35 The

9.00 A Passion for Angling Chub, grayling, roach and pike on the River Kennet (r) (3438180) 9.50 Don't Be an Anoraki (2648529) 10.00 Teletubbles (45695) 10.30 The Pink Panther (9815074)

10.50 Cricket: Second Test England v

Australia The morning session on the first day from Lord's (50474277) 1.00pm Johnson and Friends (10152155)

1.10 Burke's Backyard Queensland 1.40 Cricket: England v Australia (6036249) Includes at 3.00 News, regional news and weather (4506884) 3.55 News

4.00 Cricket, Royal Ascot and Tennis Racing: The 4.20 Cork and Orrary Stakes, Cricket: England v Australia second Test: Tennis: Women's quarterfinal action from Devonshire Park.



Christopher Maltman (top left) (7.15)

7.15 Cardiff Singer of the World Baritone Christopher Maltman competes with singers from Germany, Venezuela, The Netherlands and the United States for the coveted title (274074)

8.00 Regional Programmes (4548) 8.30 Tracks: The countryside quide features hermaphrodites that squirt love darls; and the legend of Finn McCool (T) (7105)

9.00 Absolutely Fabulous Patsy is involved in a sex scandal (r) (T) (5635) 9.30 This Life Milly and Rachel's relationship reaches the point of no return (T)

(558616) 10.15 A Woman Called Smith Wendy Smith prepares for a traditional wedding (935703) 10.28 Video Nation Hong Kong Shorts (474277)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (671451) 11.15 Cricket: Second Test England v Australia Highlights of the opening day

11.55 Holiday Weather (356600) 12.00 The Midnight Hour Late-night political discussion about issues raised in

Parliament (25136) 12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Playing Safe (79469) 1.00 Powers of the Precident (6021865) 1.50 Return to Skomer (6551223) 2.00 FETV: Issues in Economics (52001) 4.00 Languages: French Experience (12643) 5.00-6.00 Business and Work: The Small Business Programme (63117)

6 00em GMTV (9334451) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (3499567) 9.55 Regional News (T) and weather

(4003600) 10.00 The Time, the Place (21971) 10,30 This Morning (T) (65520180) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (1552906) 12.30 News (T) and weather (4555567)

12.55 Shortland Street (4530258) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (90733529) 1.50 Afternoon Live (31024884)

2.20 Vanessa (r) (T) (26697616) 2.50 Afternoon Live (2230635) 3.20 News (T) (3708364)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (3518722) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (8464703) 3.50 Rupert (5198258) 4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop (T) (9769797) 4.40 Matt's Millon (r) (T)

3.25 Regional News (1) and weather

5.10 A Country Practice (8423432)

5.40 News (T) and weather (576987) 6.00 Home and Away Marilyn is caught in a cross-wind on her sky dive (911884) 6.25 HTV Weather (363838)

6.30 The West Tonight (180)

7.00 Emmerdale Sarah makes a decision about the school protest (T) (9426) 7.30 3-D Julia Somerville examines the controversy surrounding transplant surgery for pets (T) (364)

8.00 The Bill The discovery of £500,000 in Page to investigate (1) (1074)



Shepherd comforts Smart (8,30pm)

8.30 Bliss: Enemy Within Zoe witnesses a girl dying of multiple stab wounds on a train, but the police cannot find any evidence of the incident. With Simon Shepherd and Sarah Smart (1) (17616)

10.00 News (T) and weather (74432) 10.30 Regional News (1) and weather

10.39 Pollen Count (339093) 10.40 The West This Week (408432)

11.30 Frieze Frame (T) (903987) 11.45 Highlander The evil immortal Quentin Barnes escapes (537838) 12.35am in Bed with MeDinner (6693533)

1.05 Funny Business Ian Coyle talks to Gayle Tuesday, otherwise known as Brenda Gilhooly (1561662)

1.35 Cyber Cafe (1124778) 2.05 Late and Loud (r) (6334117) 3.05 3-D (r) (T) (44353049) 3,30 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (98049) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (77662) 5.00 Garden Calendar (T) (53594)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (4530258) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8423432) 6.25 Central News (248613) 6.55-7.00 Lifeline (125890)

10.40 Pulling Power (573074) 11.10 Millionaires. A profile of Tony Walsh, a former wrestler who now makes a mint as a minder (410432)

11.40 New York News (909426) 12.40am Funny Business (7043074) 1.10 Ed's Night Party (1560933) 1.40 Club Nation (2022662) 2.40 The Loop (2350865) 3.05 Late and Loud (1456469) 4.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (3470440) 5.20 Asian Eve (4156001)

WESTCOUNTRY

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MENDIAN

As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8423432) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (600) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (180) 10.29 Pollen Count (461703) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (973971) 10.45 Film: A House of Secrets and Lies

5.00am Freescreen (53594),

11.45 New York News (537838)

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11.10 Waterlines, A new series about the world of boats and boating, presented by Keith Wheatley, yachting correspondent of The Sunday Times, and marine photographer Kos Evans (410432)

11.40 New York News (356890)

SC The Big Breakfast (45093) 9.00 Bewitched (91109) 9.30 Ysgolion (570839) 12.00 House to House (71345) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (58677) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (10234703) 1.15 Deri Deg 1.00 Stot Mentrin (10.34703) 1.15 Det Deg (10.239258) 1.30 Film: Time Gentlemen Please (56180) 3.00 Australia Wild (3987) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (258) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (203) 4.30 Absolutely Animals (277) 5.00 5 Pump (3432) 5.30 Countdown (529) 6.00 Newyddion (960600) 6.05 Heno (692490) 6.35 Sion a Sian (267600) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (747161) 7.25 Sgrin Ti Syntad? (706258) 8.00 Pobl y Chytf (9616) 8.30 Newyddion (1451) 9.00 The Jewel in the Crown (9722) 10.00 Film: A Stranger Among Us (8155) 12.00am

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Big Breakfast (45093) 9.00 Bewitched (r)

9.30 Schools: Equinox Plus 10.25 Geographical Eye 10.45 Planning for Primary 11.30 The English Programme

12.00 House to House (71345) 12.30pm Caroline in the City (r) (58677) 1.00 Springhill. Jack must choose between Liz and Eva (T) (48180) 1.30 Australia Wild

(T) (31119906) 1.55 The Holly and the by (1952) with Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson and Margaret Leighton. Drama about a country parson whose life changes after some startling revelations. Directed by George More

O'Ferral (T) (49824703) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (258) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (203) 4.30 Countdown (1) (277) 5.00 Ricki Lake (1) (3432) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (1) (529)

6.00 Boy Meets World New series of the American sitcom. Eric tutors an unreceptive student (T) (242)

6.30 Hollycaks Ruth tries to convince her mother not to go to America and Jude is reminded of her debts (1) (722)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (553682) 7.50 Today in Wymott Prison (1) (268364) 8.00 Health Alert Shahnaz Pakravan investigates whether fluonde really is good for our teeth in the light of new scientific

research (T) (9616) 8.30 Banged Up: Stir Fry The chef Antony Worrall-Thompson feeds the 800-plus prisoners of HMP Wymott on £1 37 a head (1451)



A visit from a loved one (9.00pm)

9.00 A look at how prisoners in HMP Brixton and HMP Wandsworth keep

their relationships alive (9722) 10.00 Father Ted Father Jack goes overboard with the floor polish. Last in the series (r) (T) (987364)

10.35 Northern Exposure Maggie learns the harsh realities of running a business (T) (131258)

11.30 Weekly Planet Jon Snow hosts a lopical discussion on South Africa (82345)

1.00am Borderline with Christos Kalavrouzos, Maria Kirlaki and Stavros Zalmas. Fictional account of a young man's encounters with the police and the underworld in modern Greece. Directed

by Panos Karkanetyos (95391) 2.30 Members of the Struggle Documentary about the relationship between twin brothers in a South African township (41310)

3.00 Memento Kiri Te Kanawa talks to Joan Bakewell (r) (T) (74575) 3.30 Schools (452285)

5.25 Backdate presented by Val Singleton (r) (1) (4375136)

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7.30 Havakazoo (3281987) 8.00 Adventures WideWorld Why English remains the main language of business, education and administration in India (8499258)

9.00 Espresso (9547154) 10.00 Exclusivel (r) (1213155) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (t) (T) (8402722) 11.00 Leeza (1616890) 11.50 Double Espresso (56749857) 12.00 The Bold and the

. Beautilul (T) (8493074) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (n (T) (1812695) 1.00 5 News Update (52651093) 1.05 Sunset Beach (8225906) 2.00 5's Company



Zeta Jones, Ray Stevenson (3.30pm)

3.30 Return of the Native (1994) with Catherine Zeta Jones, Ray Stevenson and Joan Plownght. An adaptation of Thomas Hardy's 1878 study of human frailties. Directed by Jack Gold (1081890) 5.20 5's Company — Late Extra (99506242) 5,30 100 Per Cent (7985109)

6.00 Whittle (T) (7975722) 6.30 Family Affairs Charlotte tries to seduce

Jamie (T) (7966074) 7.00 Exclusive! Entertainment news with Jonothan Coleman, Julia Bradbury and Jason Roberts (6039109)

7.30 Natural Natives: Hopping Mad The wild and eccentric ways of one of Britain's fastest-moving mammals — the hare (1)

(7962258) 8.00 Nancy Lam Another ride through the world at Indonesian cooking, entitled Hot and Smooth This includes chicken with

ginger sauce, okra with dried prawns and chillies and Lam-style fresh fruit (T) (6015529) 8.30 5 News (T) (6027364)

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THURSDAY JUNE 19 1997

Atherton determined to turn the tide of history with rare success at Lord's

England find fitting stage for revival

THE dauntless mood of the thousands descending on Lord's this morning, suddenly dismissive of precedent, portent and anything else linked with an irrelevant cricketing past, was aptly summarised yesterday by David Graveney, the chairman of the England selectors. "We're keen to change history." he said.

For English cricket, this is the best of days. Providing the weather forecast is mistaken, and at least this corner of north London escapes the threatened rain, the atmosphere will be unparalleled. Australia have been vanquished once and the nation. its appetite for the summer game renewed, exudes a belief that they will be again.

Certainly, there could be no finer stage, no more appropriare moment for these England players to confirm that they have graduated from the nursery slopes of Test cricket. This is Lord's where Australia have lost only once this century: and this is Michael Atherton's 42nd Test as captain, breaking a record that has stood for 36 years.

It must seem like Christmas, not least in the reinvigorated England dressing-room. which is why Graveney's bald statement is one of ambition rather than intent, and why David Lloyd, the coach, continues to give daily warning that Australia are the best side in the world and "will come back at us hard". Hands off

recapture of the Ashes has only just begun.

These are wise words, wiser and far less jarring than some of those uttered this week by men who recently filled the shoes of Graveney and Lloyd. Whether it was the publication of Atherton's biography that provoked such sourness from Raymond Illingworth and Fred Titmus, or the fact that he is about to claim Peter May's record for longevity.

TEAMS

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their words were untimely and unworthy.

Illingworth's claim that the author of the biography was just trying to sell a few more books" was a shade rich coming from him, but for Titmus to embellish a few more selectorial secrets with the view that Atherton is "one of the worst England captains since the war", and that his accession to May's record is "a travesty", was small-minded and utterly alien to the spirit of

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the England dressing-room, Titmus would hear that his oninion has little support need not bother. where it matters most. Atherton may have taken time to

grow into the job - he was only 25 when it fell to him but he is now leading a side in his own image, perhaps for the first time, and leading it with the poise and ability to make things happen, rather than simply to react to events. Atherton did not know May,

but there is, today, a poignancy to the fact that May died on the second day of a Melbourne Test match that ranks among Atherton's lowest points as captain. "I remember standing for the minute's silence after his death," he said. "I also remember the silence in our dressing-room at the end

of the garne."

England had been heavily beaten for the second successive Test. Shane Warne was rampant and the Ashes were decidedly not coming home. Atherton looked inconsolably glum and, on that late December day in 1994, the thought that he might, three years on, surpass May's 41 Tests as captain must have

seemed risible. It is indicative of his character that he has soldiered on, without complaint, through the bad and often divided times, and to reach his destiny after three successive Test wins, with a united team and much public admiration, is tribute in itself. There is no point in comparing Atherton's win ratio with that of another



Reiffel: late arrival

opposition. He has no wish to respond to Titmus and he

Atherton knows however, how fast things can change. He is also aware of England's record at headquarters and he has an explanation: "It's not that we get blase about playing here but we do get the opportunity fairly regularly. For some of these Australians, it will be their one and only chance. They are bound to be

Lloyd is inclined to banish the spectre before it can prey on minds. "It concerns other people rather than us," he said. "I find it quite boring." Supporters can rest assured that he will be reinforcing the message, telling his charges that the past is immaterial.

Darren Gough and Robert Croft will be critical figures again, for they have commanded both respect and anxiety from the Australia batsmen and must maximise it. Whether Croft will have Philip Tufnell as a spin partner remains in question; it s likelier, given the weather, that England will be unchanged.

The style and speed with which Atherton and Alec Stewart swept England to their target at Edgbaston cannot be understated. It was a small score to make but theirs was a resounding statement of supremacy and Australia will have sore ears from it.

Atherton yesterday exhorted the Lord's crowds to support his side fervently but fairly. "I don't want any booing of the Australians," he said. "They have some fine players." Indeed they do. They will come back hard and they now have a bowler, in Paul Reiffel, so adept in England that he should have been here from the start. Warne has begun taking wickets. Mark Taylor is scoring runs. Slowly, from improbably poor beginnings. they are improving.

England, however, have damaged Australian confidence gravely; they must now overcome the equalising factor of their Lord's record to emerge with their lead intact.

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Atherton takes a quirky view of England's practice session at Lord's yesterday

Platt tops list to take over at The Dell

By DAVID MADDOCK

DAVID PLATT has entered into talks with Southampton over the vacant managerial position at the club. Rupert Lowe, the Southampton chairman, will indicate today that the Arsenal player heads his list of candidates.

Lowe travelled to the Caribbean to interview Platt last week. The England international has discussed the possibility of becoming player-manager at The Dell, with an experienced figure fulfilling the role of director of football. That may signal the return of Lawrie McMenemy, who resigned from the post when Graeme Souness vacated the

manager's job. Lowe, who has promised to announce a successor to Sourcess before the end of the week, said: "One option is a younger player-manager with an experienced man alongside him. I have spoken to Lawrie McMenemy regularly since he left the club and it could be that he returns in that role." McMenemy has said that he regrets his decision to depart.

Arsenal will require a £2 million fee for Platt. Arsene Wenger, the manager, is happy to sell the player, but the club wants to recoup some of its £4 million outlay of two seasons ago. England have risen to sev-

enth in the latest Fifa world rankings, which were issued yesterday. The heady position reflects their performance in the European championship last summer.

Colin Harvey has been appointed director of youth football at Everton. Nottingham Forest have confirmed that Brian Roy, their Holland international will be joining Hertha Berlin, while Leicester City have bid £2.5 million for Andy Johnson, the Norwich City defender.

Manchester United confirmed yesterday that they have withdrawn from negotiations to sign Markus Babbel, the Germany international defender, from Bayern Munich. Rangers continued their summer spending spree last night when they signed Marco Negri, the Perugia striker, for £3.7 million.

Michael Owen and Paul Shepherd scored the goals that gave England Under-20s a 2-1 victory against Ivory Coast in their opening match in group F of the World Youth Cup in Malaysia yesterday.

WEATHER

Henman extols good practice

By Nick Szczepanik AFTER a second-round vic-

tory in the Nottingham Open that, in the end, could scarcely have been narrower. Tim Henman laughed, "Preparation spot on course, as last DOWN year," he said. What had 1 Spasmodic (5) begun as a stroll yesterday turned into a stiff test of 2 Keep going without delay character that Henman was relieved to have passed 3 (Fighting) without limitations (2,5.6) 0-1, 6-7, 7-6.

For about an hour the 4 Rail truck park (6) British No I. playing what he 5 In the (unknown) hereafter admitted was "competent ten-(6.3.4)nis rather than anything spec-6 Pivoted bar (5) tacular", looked safe enough 7 Without enthusiasm, heat (7) against Richard Fromberg. 12 Bunyan imprisoned here Henmania was conspicuous 14 One not keeping up (7) by its absence in a low-key contest. Once or twice missed 15 Assorted (6) volleys let Fromberg off the 17 Relating to sound (5)

hook but there was, surely, 19 Wish-granting spirit (5) nothing to worry about. If it was not the pre-injury Henman, at least it was all going to be over in two sets, unlike his previous match against Andrew Richardson. and this against an opponent ranked, at No loi, only five lower than Jens

man in the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club. Both sets had followed identical patterns, with Henman breaking in the third game of

inexplicably found himself 40-0 down on his own service. unable to prevent Fromberg from breaking back to 4-4. "It's very frustrating," Henman said, "I'm having to battle and fight as hard as I can just to hang in there. You're looking to close out the

each, until he suddenly and

get yourself into a tight Henman needing to save two

THOMAS MUSTER, the

No 6 seed, has pulled out of

the Wimbledon Champion-

ships, which start on Monday,

after sustaining an injury to

his left hip, playing in the

Heineken Trophy in Holland.

Jonas Bjorkman, as the next

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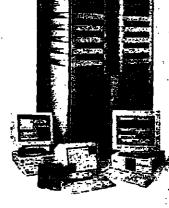
service game after leading 5-4, then taking the tie-break 40-0. When he won the next 7-4. There was no way off the service game to love to force a hook for Fromberg this time. tie-break, one was tempted to "You've got to keep fighting wonder why he had messed about in the previous two. and that's just what I did." Henman said. "I got one However, by the time the chance to break back at 5-4 players changed round at 3-3. and I took it. But I'm in the Henman having just volleyed next round." There he will wildly, it was to silence, the meet Grant Stafford, of South crowd only finding its voice

The extra practice, Henman said, could prove a blessing in disguise. "Quite a few matches recently have been real tests of character. Sometimes the game can come easily, opportunities are taken, you're hitting the ball well. I wouldn't have made some of those errors. At the moment it's a battle and I'm not scared to admit that, I was playing the basics and that's what you

have to do." Greg Rusedski's win against Mark Woodforde was more straightforward, a break in the first set and his second match point in the second-set tie-break enough to send the British No 2 through to meet



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cligible player to be seeded, McColgan calls time on track career

Muster forced out

LIZ McCOLGAN has abandoned all thought of compet-ing in the world championships in Athens in August and indicated yesterday that she has reached the end of her international track career (David Powell writes). McColgan, whose career highlight so far was her victory in the 10,000 metres in the 1991 Tokyo world championships, confirmed that she would not attempt to regain the title. concentrating on a November marathon instead.

McColgan was involved in

the most thrilling finish in

women's marathon history in

April, when she finished runner-up by one second to Joyce Chepchumba, of Kenya, in the Flora London Marathon. The next day McColgan said that she would not be running the distance in Athens but would probably opt for the

10.000 metres. However, after undergoing a minor back operation last week, she has withdrawn from the British 10,000 metres trial in Sheffield on June 29. when she would have needed to run an Athens qualifying time of 32min 30sec. The Tokyo Marathon will be her next big target, on November

30. "I firmly believe this is my one and only distance for the future," McColgan, who was sixth over 25 laps at the last world championships, in 1995. said. McColgan, 33, has yet to

when Henman faced the first

of three Fromberg set points

that he saved and a fourth that

It looked all over when

Henman lost the fifth game of

the final set, but he somehow

managed to come back, break-

ing Fromberg as the Austra-

takes the Austrian's place in

the singles draw and will face

Britain, in the first round. Jennifer Capriati has also

withdrawn, having failed to

recover from an injury to her

Wilkinson, of Great

he could not.

produce a marathon to match her finest track performances which include an Olympic silver medal, and she said after London: "In my next marathon, I would like the opportunity to run a fast time. That rules out Athens because of the pollution and the course." To prepare for Tokyo, McColgan wili take part in the Bupa Great Run series.



